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Worth Checking Out

We want a department store

The assessment of American Stores representative Henry Englehardt notwithstanding (see story on this page), El Cerrito residents and the business community are mounting a campaign intended to convince a department store to come to the El Cerrito Plaza. Copies of a petition are being circulated and addressed to the Dillard's and Gottschalk's chains available at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, 10848 San Pablo Ave. (hours 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Details: 833-7040.

AUSD forum cancelled

An Albany Unified School District board of Education community forum, co-chaired by the Berkeley-Albany League of Women Voters to discuss facilities issues, in particular plans to use the Hill Lumber site for a new middle school, has been postponed due to holiday schedules. The forum, originally set for Dec. 6, may be rescheduled at a later date.

World AIDS Day

The 10th observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated this year at the Albany YMCA, by bringing 180 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed today from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Friday Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the YMCA at 921 Kains Ave.

On Monday, Dec. 1, Anna Holprin, recently awarded the Scrips Lifetime Achievement Award, will be leading an evening of dance, titled "Positive Motion." The dance is an effort to bring the community together for an evening of support and healing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and also to remember those who have died of AIDS. The dance will be held at the Albany YMCA from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both events are free. Details: 525-1130.

Library benefit raffle

The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito is conducting a fund-raising drive benefiting the El Cerrito Public Library.

The group, with the assistance of El Cerrito-Albany Access and Friends of the El Cerrito Library, is selling tickets for a drawing, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase a sight machine for the library. Basically a magnification device, the approximately \$4,000 machine will be located at the El Cerrito and will allow visually impaired individuals to access written materials. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. First prize in the drawing, to be held Dec. 17, is \$500 cash; second prize is two nights at Reno's Circus Circus, \$100 cash and a luggage set; third prize is a Sony Boom Box. Tickets can be obtained at Chris's Pay Less Plumbing, 1207 10th Street, Berkley, from any Exchange Club member, or by contacting Charlotte Esmay at 525-1276. If you are interested simply in making a donation to "Sight Machines for the Visually Impaired" you can do so by sending a check to this same address.

El Cerrito Librarian Janet Hildebrand said this sight machine will be the first in Contra Costa County and will be of service to the communities of Kensington and Albany, as well as El Cerrito and other Contra Costa County cities. The Exchange Club asks that "you support our visually impaired neighbors by purchasing tickets or making a donation."

Toys and pancakes

The City of El Cerrito will present a benefit for the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund, a Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mission Lane. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toy barrels will be provided by the El Cerrito Fire Department. Also, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and face painting will be available for an additional charge. Details: Judie Bellotti, 215-4371.

Rainhat stories

The El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., will hold a Rainhat Storytelling Program on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 5-12. Stories and simple paper craft will be introduced. Parents are welcome to participate. This free program will last 45 minutes to an hour. Details: 526-7512.

Frenzy over El Niño catching up with Albany

■ *Memories of last year's flooding and sewer overflow still linger.*

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The raindrops are patterning, patterning, touching alike upon the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, the happy and the sad. On a Friday afternoon when the sky is dark and gray and pregnant with rain, cars drive with their headlights on at three o'clock in the afternoon, as if in anticipation of predicted storms that, at least this weekend, never arrive.

Near Caltrans' massive I-80 widening project in southwest Albany, crews oblivious to a light drizzle, continuing their work driving steel piles into the earth with a sound that resembles gunshots ringing through the calm, moist air. On Eastshore

Highway, a few hundred yards away, two men put the finishing touches on another, smaller project: a pair of two-foot-high concrete walls designed to stave off flooding from nearby Codornices Creek.

In January, the businesses these walls now protect found themselves awash as a result of downpours of such intensity they are said to occur only once every 25 years. Now, in late November, a new set of storms is supposed to be coming, part of the much-anticipated, in many cases dreaded, meteorological phenomenon the experts call El Niño.

El Niño — good for business

Around town they are preparing: filling sandbags, establishing protocols, clearing storm drains in anticipation of rains that could produce floods of gargantuan proportion. In some cases, there are steps to be taken, while in others, one can do little more than wait. On

Eastshore Highway, Jeff Critchfield, a contractor whose wife co-owns the auto repair shop protected by the walls he just built, says the news is not all bad, for building walls means work, which in turn means money, even though, as a result of other operations in the area, those walls might no longer be necessary, he says.

"El Niño has been good to me so far," Critchfield says as another man finishes leveling the dirt before the two walls. Critchfield and his colleague are not the only two who have been busy here in the flood plain: another hundred or so yards up the creek, crews from Union Pacific recently dealt the final blow to squatters' camps that have graced the railroad tracks since as long ago as the 1920s.

Not even a year ago, in the high brush that once lined the creek just

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Greg Hugunin
A Cadillac hubcap hung as ornamentation is one of the last remnants of a squatters' camp cleared in part because of flood concerns.

House tour filled with ideas



This striking contemporary home combines stucco and wood-clad volumes, angles and arcs, squares and rectangles and steel and concrete for a highly disciplined design. It's one of the seven remarkable homes in the Prospect Sierra School Home Tour and Raffle to be held on Dec. 7. The tour benefits the El Cerrito independent school's financial aid and other programs. Details: 527-4155.

GGF borrows page from casino for 'team' approach

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Ah, the racetrack, an institution that conjures images of winning on outrageous longshots, or losing on sure things, or of the jockey who pleaded guilty this summer to throwing a race at Bay Meadows, telling a judge he feared for his life in that a fellow jockey, once suspended for the same, was found dead under the Dumbarton Bridge.

At Golden Gate Fields, however, such images might now be overshadowed by "team member spirit," which racetrack workers received in a hefty dose at an employee-only pep rally last week.

The rally, held to celebrate Ladbrooke Racing Corp.'s recent purchase of the 225-acre racetrack property, also served as the kickoff for what will, according to racetrack officials, be a new management style. Borrowing techniques — and a number of managers — from the Ladbrooke-owned Casino San Pablo up the road, company officials worked their corporate wizardry to the fullest, teaching hospi-

tality industry-style ethics to those who staff Albany's oldest, and only, horse racing facility.

"The point we'd like to make, very simply, is that there is a future, but the future is now," racetrack General Manager Peter Tunney told those among the track's 600-plus employees in attendance. "The best marketing tool that we have is all of you sitting in this room."

According to a press release, the rally was the first time in racetrack history that jockeys, trainers, employees and owners have met under the same roof. Though the future of the track has, in the past, been in doubt (the property's previous owner, Catellus Development Corp., planned on putting hotels on the land at one time) now, Ladbrooke officials said, the racetrack is in Albany to stay, with changes planned both for the property and those who staff it.

"The good news, for all of us and all of you, is we're here to stay," Tunney said during the rally, which also featured an instructional video, new television and radio ads, free

Plaza co-owner readying latest proposal for center

■ *The approved site plan will be a major consideration, says American Stores representative Henry Englehardt.*

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — The latest vision of a revitalized Plaza includes a town center, street grid and a restored creek, but no housing and likely no department store. That was the message delivered last week by Henry Englehardt, the representative of American Stores, half of the partnership seeking to breath new life into the aging shopping center.

For the first time in the center's history, the major property owners are working together as partners and appear to have common goals. But the project is far from home free.

Compromise was a word Englehardt didn't use at his talk before the Rotary Club of El Cerrito last week, but he gave every indication that compromise is what it will take to make the project a reality. And he believes all the parties involved are ready to do just that.

Balancing each of the owners' desires, incorporating the city's approved site plan, wending successfully through the approval process and phasing different stages of demolition, construction and remodeling will be a "big juggling act" that will take at least three years to complete, he said.

"Some place in the middle, that's what we're working toward in the next couple of years," Englehardt said. "We want to have something that's not only a commercial success, but also something the community can be proud of. We want an ongoing viable project for the next 50 years."

The result, he said, would be a "hybrid" between a traditional shopping center and the lower-key commu-

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Greg Hugunin
Racetrack General Manager Peter Tunney was on hand to welcome members of the GGF team.

Santa Claus is coming to Plaza

You better not pout, and here's why: Santa Claus arrives at the El Cerrito Plaza at 10 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 29. He will be driven to the Plaza amid sirens and fanfare on the top of a fire truck representing the Richmond and El Cerrito fire departments. The fire truck will be escorted by El Cerrito and Richmond police — cars and motorcycle brigades.

Santa Claus will be housed at the Plaza Santa's Village each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 23.

In conjunction with the Fireman's Toy Program, children under age 12 can have pictures taken with Santa and explore the North Pole Winterland inside Santa's Village. There will be candy and surprises available on these days. Children can visit Santa's Village daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Welfare reform aftermath tops assemblywoman's priorities

J.R. Deaton

ALBANY — In a relaxed and candid talk, California State Assemblymember Dion Louise Aroner spent more than an hour last week talking about welfare reform and describing her first year as a Sacramento legislator to a small group at the community center.

Speaking to about 20 people at a gathering sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, the 14th District representative touched on a multitude of topics including bilingual education, health care, the upcoming governor's race and this year's budget battles with Gov. Pete Wilson.

But the subject that seemed clos-

est to her heart and the one she spent the most time talking about was state welfare reform. Saying that, "Republicans think God will take care of it," Aroner seemed to imply Democrats know that God needs a little help from time to time.

Wilson, who is a former social worker and was Chief of Staff to Assembly predecessor Tom Bates for 24 years, is clearly unhappy with the welfare package signed by Wilson last August as part of the budget deal. She said of the agreement: "This was the best deal we were going to get with this governor." During the welfare reform vote last summer, Aroner was one of only 11 Assemblymembers to vote against it. She said the welfare

changes, "will do significant damage to many families in the state and many families in this district."

The 14th District covers the area from northwest Oakland north to El Sobrante.

Wilson and the legislature fought for months last summer before compromising on a \$67 billion state budget last August. The budget Wilson signed chopped millions of dollars from job creation and social service programs. It also included welfare-to-work provisions the governor said were made necessary by the 1996 federal welfare changes.

Starting in 1998, the new California welfare law will require able-bodied adults to work while receiving up to 24 months of benefits. In

addition there will be a lifetime benefit cap of five years. A family with two children receives \$538 to \$565 a month depending on the county. Recipients who do not find work will be required to do community service. There are 2.5 million welfare recipients in California.

Aroner said you can't expect people to work if there aren't jobs available. "Welfare reform won't work if we're not creating jobs." She also said that adequate childcare and job training must be provided for these new workers. "Maybe we can move families off welfare, but we need to increase childcare services." And she called for more community college job training programs.

Saying there are more than 45,000 high-tech jobs going unfilled in California, Aroner said some welfare-to-work trainees lack even the most rudimentary job skills. "They need to know how to show up for work everyday; what it is to smile when you walk in; how to take supervision."

Overall, however, Aroner said her first year as a legislator was fun. "This district is a joy to represent," she said. Aroner also said she enjoys the camaraderie of the Assembly and that she better appreciates what legislators go through. "I have a better sense of their struggles," she said. Aroner said she also been surprised by how well she personally likes many of her colleagues.

City budget situation 'sound and balanced'

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Continuing down the road to a bright financial future, the City Council last week unanimously approved last fiscal year's comprehensive annual report and financial audit.

The report, approved by a 5-0 vote, is a more enhanced version of the city's standard financial statements, and will be submitted, as is the norm, to the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Association for award consideration. According to a staff report, the city's financial condition as of June, 1997 left the city in "a reasonably sound and balanced condition," although city officials have, in the past, identified unfunded capital needs as an issue to grapple with in the future.

The report, which includes colorful graphs and enough facts to keep budget hounds busy for weeks, serves as a more enhanced version of the budget passed earlier this year. It contains both financial and statistical sections, as well as an independent auditor's report, which, in the auditor's opinion (only an opinion may be given) pre-

Garden Club sets Holiday Luncheon

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Luncheon tickets are \$13. Reservations should be made with Paula Shiu, 237-0471.

A short program will follow the luncheon. The Windrush Elementary School chorus, led by music director Margo Lockwood, will entertain. By popular request, this is a repeat engagement for the children. Mr. Sundar Shadi, whose garden has given pleasure to the community for many years, will be honored by the Club at the luncheon.

Dolls, made from corks and walnut shells, by the El Cerrito Garden Club Arts and Crafts Group, will decorate the Community Center Christmas tree.

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Greg Hugunin

Happy Thanksgiving

A seasonal display graces the Arlington Avenue property of Sundar Shadi, El Cerrito's 97-year-old resident extraordinaire.

Funding Alert

United Way of the Bay Area invites 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to pick up Community Impact Fund grant applications beginning Nov. 20, 1997, at any of the four U.W. locations listed. Application deadline is Jan. 23, 1998. Please call the appropriate hotline number.

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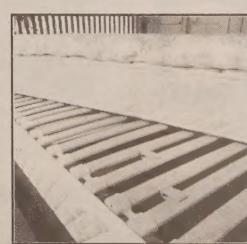
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More prizes for 'Shop Albany '97'

Eleven more businesses have donated prizes for the "Shop Albany '97" promotion sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Hills Newspapers.

Businesses participating will post the Christmas flyer to identify themselves as participants. Shoppers may fill in coupons with no purchase necessary to be eligible to win prizes. First prize is \$100 donated by the Chamber of Commerce. Others who pledged prizes are Domino's Pizza (five pizzas); one free night's stay at the Oxford Place Bed & Breakfast; gift certificates from Sisters, Play It Again Toys and Jodie's Patti Mell and Ellis Olson Mortuary.

Businesses wishing to participate will pay a \$20 fee. Just contact the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 525-1771 or 1108 Solano Ave. to be listed in the display ad that will run in The Journal, the Berkeley Voice and Family Fair, serving over 78,000 homes. For those businesses who wish to be listed need not handle coupons if so desired. Coupons and flyers will be delivered on or before Dec. 4 and will be collected Dec. 22 and 23. The drawing will be held Dec. 24. Winners will be notified by phone or mail.

RN3 Loving Care Home

Albany's only residential care facility for the elderly, RN3 Loving Care Home provides the best care given to my father compared to other facilities he resided in, said Albany's Phyllis Carliela. Owner Vijay Narula's facility is located at 906 Cornell near Solano Avenue. She provides 24 hour medical supervision for the ambulatory or not. There is assistance with daily living activities such as bathing,

grooming, feeding and ambulate. Narula, an experienced nurse/diabetic educator, helps residents manage one's diabetes including special diets. Residents are given three hot healthy meals daily and a snack. Housekeeping and personal laundry are also included. Narula emphasizes the facility takes into consideration all residents' needs. For information call 526-2533.

Chamber Christmas Party

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Mechanics Bank will host the chamber's annual Christmas Party, Wednesday Dec. 10 at the bank. All chamber members and city employees are invited to attend at no charge. The hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the Chamber Board of Directors. There will be a no-host bar. Hours are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. An RSVP is requested for the planning of refreshments. Call 525-1771.

Chamber's Santa Claus

The chamber's Santa Claus will visit Albany businesses Saturday, Dec. 20 giving candy canes to youngsters. He will also spend one hour in the chamber office posing for photographs. Parents must furnish their own cameras. The times will be announced in a later edition.

Rotary's Joe Villa Scholarship

Albany Rotary Club presents scholarships to outstanding local students to pursue higher education. The award program was started by the late Joe Villa, Albany resident and businessman and long time member of the club. Interested Albany or



Albany Chamber of Commerce

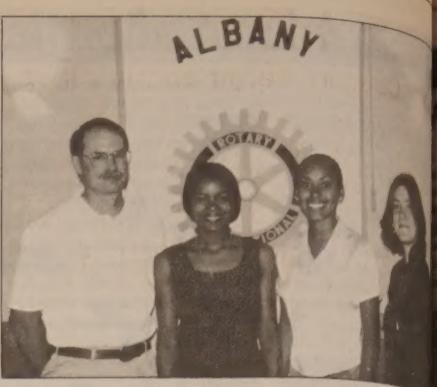
By Fern Luoma

St. Mary's High School juniors should see their school counselors for information regarding this program.

Cross again crowns hill

(Taken from the Albany Lions Club newsletter, editor J. Henry Kruse) The Albany Lions Club Cross stands again in all its glory atop Albany Hill. Some months ago it was pulled down and mutilated by vandals. On Nov. 5 it was re-erected in its former location. The Lions club expended many hours of loving labor to rebuild, refurbish, repaint and restore this illuminated cross which we have maintained on Albany Hill since 1971. The Lions expect to have the cross relighted in time for the coming Christmas season. Financial contributions toward the cost of restoration and future maintenance will be gladly accepted. The early Spanish colonists here in Alta California erected a lighted cross each year at Easter on el

cerro (the little hill). The custom frequently faded out and was as often revived. It was well known in the Bay Area in the 1940s. In the 1960s the Albany City Council budgeted \$50 each year to erect and illuminate a cross on Albany Hill at Easter. When a citizen protested the budget item of the cross, Lion Past President Hubert (Red) Call, who was then a council member, volunteered to find a group which would take on the responsibility. Of course, Lion Red brought the project to the Albany Lions Club who enthusiastically accepted it. For some years the club continued to erect each Easter the little wooden cross with light bulbs on it, and the club paid for the electric bill. In 1971 the members set up the internally illuminated monument which now graces Albany Hill and dedicated it to the Late Lion Past President Carl MacWilliams who was a devoted supporter of this project and a long-time editor of the newsletter.



Albany Rotary Club Past President Michael Veyne presents Villa Scholarship awards to three college-bound students: Kelley McBurnie, Gigi Cleopatra Allen and Cohen Allen. The program was started by the late Joe Villa, Albany resident, businessman, and longtime member of Rotary. Interested Albany or St. Mary's High School juniors see their school counselors for information about the program.

Just a note — the Chamber of Commerce has received phone calls and letters thanking those responsible for the lighting of the cross.

Albany Pool Employee of Month

The employee of the month for October is Juan Saravia who was nominated for his excellent teaching abilities and his willingness to work "above and beyond the call of duty."

During the physical therapy session, Juan helps put away the equipment used by therapists. Juan is from El Salvador and now resides in Cerrito with his wife and son, Damien. Juan and Damien are recent participants in the child workshop given by the Albany Pool.

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Budget

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sents fairly in all material respects the financial opinion of the city.

In May, the council approved a budget and five-year forecast that predicted surpluses of more than \$60,000 per year through 1999. The new document, as it deals with the same fiscal year, contained no surprises, but rather an enhanced view of the city as a whole.

For example, according to the statistical section, General Fund expenditures have risen steadily since 1988, from just over \$6 million that year to just under \$9 million in 1997. The assessed value of property in Albany has grown from \$507 million in 1988 to \$762 million this year, while population has

likewise increased from 15,577 to 17,315 during the same period.

Residential and commercial construction has fluctuated wildly, with big jumps in 1989 and 1995. Also, the report lists, among many other things, the city's top employers (Golden Gate Fields, the Albany Unified School District and the US Department of Agricultural Research, respectively), principal taxpayers (Bayside Commons, Ltd., followed by former racetrack property-owner Catellus Development Corp.) and the total lineal feet of sewer lines (196,000).

The report was passed with little comment from council members, who appeared pleased with what they were beholding. "Let me be the first to congratulate you on the beauty and clarity of this report," Mayor Bob Good told Finance Di-

rector Pat Cabrera.

In other budget news, the one sticking point from this summer's budget hearings — police department overtime — is also on the decline. After the meeting, Cabrera said that while Police Chief Larry Murdo exceeded last year's \$168,000 overtime budget, racking up \$231,622, four months into this year's budget, expenses totaled only \$49,386.

Murdo attributed the drop to a both a crackdown at the administrative level and a lack of major crime events, such as murders, which strain the tiny department when they occur. Though the figure will rise as the department trains four newly-hired or soon-to-be hired officers, "Quite frankly, if circumstances allow, we will not go over budget," Murdo said.

EC relocates casual carpool pickup site

EL CERRITO — As of Monday morning, Dec. 1, the city is asking casual carpools to form at a newly designated loading zone on Eastshore Boulevard, between San Pablo Avenue and the Potrero Avenue on-ramp to westbound Interstate 80.

"Casual carpools" are a phenomenon of East Bay transportation that has resulted in recent years from the operation of free carpool lanes at the Bay Bridge toll plaza. Casual carpools are distinct from organized carpools in that new combinations of drivers and passengers are formed each day. Solo drivers need two passengers to use the special lanes at the bridge. Passengers enjoy a free express ride to San Francisco. Drivers and passengers have discovered that they have mutual interests, and they get

together at various points in the Eastbay. The meeting points are near BART stations or AC Transit Transbay bus stops. The carpools are created by the luck of the draw, as lines of cars intersect with lines of passengers. All of this has been a self-generating operation on the part of carpool users, with no assistance or direction from transit operators or state or local governments.

The casual system requires passengers to return to the East Bay on their own, usually by public transit. Only since the BART strike of last September have there been efforts to organize carpool pick-ups in San Francisco. Previously there was a lack of incentive for carpooling in the free, eastbound direction on the Bay Bridge, although the San Francisco

side has some approach lanes served for carpools during peak hours.

One of the casual carpools took root several years ago at a parking lot at the corner of Potrero Avenue and Cutting Boulevard, at the intersection of a major thoroughfare, near a Transbay stop and across from the Del Norte BART station. The site is between two off-ramps, offering easy off and on for San Francisco-bound drivers. Del Norte station is also a point for local and regional traffic, including busses from Solano and Marin counties.

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Meet the booster behind the Music Boosters Jazz Band

He read in *The Journal*, one in November of 1995, that they were looking for Christmas entertainment: singers, performing groups, etc. He plays the banjo and was interested, so he called and spoke with Lisa Bulwinkle. During their chat she told him they had no kids' groups. She started one.

Frank Jensen's daughter Laura, a student at Albany High, plays the saxophone, and had friends who played other instruments. He brought them together, made them a group, and, getting a few from Bullwinkle they played on Solano Avenue twice. It was good. "Kids, can we do it again?" a solid "Yes," and they played a third time. They made about \$300.

At the time, Jensen notes, there was no jazz band, just a concert band. So, "kids, could we make a jazz band?" Again a hearty response. Jensen talked to the Music Boosters, who enthusiastically endorsed the idea.

So they named the new jazz band the Music Booster Band.

With their \$300 they bought jazz music and started playing on Solano Avenue about once a week or so, in front of the Berkeley Bakery, after asking the owner if it was all right. "By all means," he answered. It was a successful partnership, and the band grew to be a 'big band', with 17 pieces. They did things like Glen Miller's "In The Mood", "String of Pearls" and "Band Stand Boogie" (from American Bandstand), music from the '30s to the '70s. They also did things like the theme from the Muppet Show, and "Johnny B. Good". Lots of variety including, even, big band rock and roll. "I turned them all into street musicians," he smiles.

Growing ever more ambitious, Jensen spoke with Jean Allen at the Senior Center about doing a senior dance, an idea she welcomed, but warned that they would have to do the whole thing. They did. It worked, and they did

several of them on Sunday afternoons. And they added more and more. "The city has been terrific. They let us use the Community Center, and the parents did everything, even running the bar and cleaning up."

He tells of cooperation from Cary Nasatir, from Tupper Reed music store, an old friend who helped with the music. (His son Travis played the trumpet.) "I could call Cary whenever I needed help." He would bring his trumpet and his drums. Also Michael Dewall, who teaches the 8th grade Spanish at the Middle School and played the guitar could be called upon when needed. As it grew the sections grew so that he had a complete rhythm section. There were over 20 of them at Christmas time last year.

They started practicing in the living room in the winter time and the garage in the summer. But when they grew they became too big for the front room. Linda

Baker, the secretary at the Albany Middle School arranged for them to use the library at that school to practice. A wonderful place, he says. And, he adds, the entire music faculty from the schools were behind us. He names Bob Sloss, from the middle and elementary schools, Tom Lillenthal, from the high school (whom he praises greatly for his work with the students) and Jean Sexton, all of whom have given incredible support.

The Music Boosters Jazz Band gave its last performance in September. They are on hold right now. The kids are getting older. His daughter is playing volleyball (her team was undefeated this year) and that is her primary interest now.

It was Rohndi Hurlbut who nominated him for Citizen of the Year. He knew nothing about it. A Chamber of Commerce mixer was coming up, she suggested he go, and he agreed. When they named him Citizen of the Year,

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



"no one was more surprised than I."

At the invitation of the race track they played for Albany At The Races, he got to ride in a convertible at the Solano Stroll, and they even played on the back of a flat bed truck.

Frank Jensen, wife Kathy and daughters Laura and Katy are Albany residents, living in the home his grandparents built.

Now much of the music at the high school has been restored, thanks in great part to Tom Lillenthal and to the Music Boosters, so the dire need for someone like Frank Jensen isn't

as great. But he was there when the need was great. And he produced for the kids, for the schools, and for the community. Citizen of the Year, indeed.

Thank you, Laura Teitel, whose son plays the drums in the band, for suggesting Frank Jensen to me. There was a lot more to talk about, but no space for it.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your 'interesting person'. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is rgenser@aol.com.

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Out of Gas...

by Karen Senzig

Throughout the history of the "Curse of Karen's Cars", I have been forced on more than one occasion to jumpstart my car.

I was driving a 1974 Volkswagen Bug in 1984 when I worked for the Contra Costa Times assigned at their weekly shopper out in Fairfield and was driving the opposite commute from Oakland daily. There was something wrong with the carburetor and/or electrical system, I can't quite remember, but when I'd finally get off the freeway and stop at the first red stoplight, she'd die out on me.

Fortunately, I was much younger then...I'd jump out of the car, get a running push on the Bug, jump back in and pop the clutch. Ail that jumping, I thought that was how "jump starting" got its name. My cars have usually been such that it was a prudent safety measure to carry jumper cables in the trunk of the car.

So, I was surprised to read the article by Matthew T. Wald of the New York Times where he advised, "Don't be too quick to reach for those cables when the battery dies; they may do more harm than good". It seems that individual cars not only have personalities, they have individual instructions for jump starting.

If a battery dies on a Ford, what is the first step in preparing to jump start the car? Turn on the heater blower. Second, if the car has automatic climate control, set the switch to turn on the defroster.

It may seem nonsensical, but Ford's is not the oddest instruction for

dealing with an electrical failure. That distinction probably belongs to Subaru. If you are using a battery charger on a Subaru, the manufacturer recommends that you not open or close the doors while charging.

"For Subaru, Ford and most other automakers, the strange instructions are needed because of cars' growing vulnerability. In the old days, nobody ever fried a carburetor with a jolt of electricity, but modern cars use fuel injectors, which are run by computers. So are various safety systems and even car radios. Cellular phones are essentially computers with radio transceivers attached and they, too, are vulnerable.

"These things work on millivolts, or thousandths of a volt," said Joseph J. Sroga, proprietor of Sroga's Automotive Services, a towing company in Minneapolis. Sroga, a director of the International Institute of Towing and Recovery, and other experts say that the vehicle providing the jump may have a voltage too high for the disabled vehicle, or the two voltages can combine to create a surge of electricity with catastrophic results.

"Most people link battery trouble to cold weather, when lead-acid batteries cannot produce enough current and an engine containing oil thickened by the cold requires more effort to crank. (We found that to be true enough. Last Thanksgiving, after being parked for 5 days in sub freezing temperatures in Reno's Silver Legacy's garage, we came out to a

dead battery in our 1988 VW Jetta. The jump from AAA caused a short in the electronic seats and the short continued to drain the battery until it killed it completely.)

Experts say the hottest days of summer are also a problem. The engine compartment gets hotter, and the heat can degrade a battery. Summer means more work for batteries, too. Some cars have electrically driven fans that run on after the engine is shut off, adding to the battery's work.

If a jump is required, the idea behind turning on the defroster or heater fan is to absorb excess currents. Different manufacturers offer different advice, which experts say is another good reason to check the owner's manual before trying anything.

"Most manufacturers recommend taking the battery out and recharging it or replacing it with another battery, rather than jump starting. But this often requires towing the car.

"Even if the voltage from a jump start is not too high," Sroga said, running current through jumper cables creates a magnetic field. That little magnetic field can give you really weird conditions by disrupting sensitive electronics. (Hence, the short in my seat?) For example, he said, it can make the fuel injectors in Chevrolet Cavaliers dump fuel. So another useful precaution is not to let excess cable drape into the engine compartment.

"Other towing experts point to other problems. In BMW's, you smoke the radio and most experts advise that jump starts be avoided if possible. And on a BMW, the first challenge may be to find the battery; in some models, it is under the rear seat or in the trunk.

"It just goes on and on," said C. Thomas Luciano, owner of Wilton Auto Truck Plaza in Wilton, New York and education chairman of the

Towing and Recovery Association of America who wrote that group's certification exam for tow-truck operators. "It's getting so complicated, it's unbelievable."

"If a good Samaritan offers to jump start your car but damages its electronics, there is no way to get compensation."

Luciano said that he and his wife

each have a Jeep Cherokee, and that he does not keep jumper cables in either car. "If your are in a mall parking lot, and your car won't start, and the guy next to you has jumper cables, I'd advise any consumer today, 'Do not under any circumstances do that,'" he said.

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Before jump starting a car, inspect the battery for cracks and damaged terminals, wear eye protection, and make sure that no flames or lighted material is present. Here is a sampling of other precautions listed in a manual for tow-truck operators issued by the American Automobile Association.

• **ALL CARS:** Except where specified differently by the manufacturer, make sure that the ignition switch and all lights and accessories are in the off position before connecting the jumper cables.

• **CARS WITH CELLULAR TELEPHONES:** Disconnect the power cable at the power pack. Failure to disconnect the power cable may result in damaging the sensitive circuitry within the phone.

• **FORD:** Turn on the heater blower of both vehicles. On vehicles with automatic climate control, set the function on the defrost position. After jump start, leave all switches off except heater blower motor and reduce engine to idle to prevent possible damage to the vehicle's electrical system.

• **MASERATI:** Do not jump start any model Maserati 1987 or newer. Damage to two on board computers is likely.

• **NISSAN:** On 1989-1992 Maxima GXE and SE models, remove power window fusible link prior to jump starting. (Located in fuse box and marked "P/WIND".)

• **SAAB:** Make sure that radio is turned off prior to jump starting vehicle.

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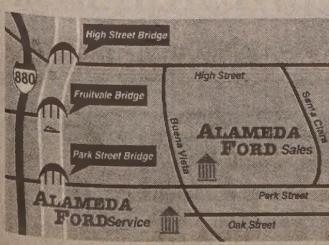
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Jackets' volleyball gets banner at last

■ Girls team finishes second in North Coast Section.

By Jelani Harper

Oddly enough, the success of Berkeley's women's volleyball team can be traced back to a flag.

"At the very beginning of the year we were talking about all the banners on the wall and all the pennants in the gym," recalls volleyball coach Patrick Hearne. "And we set our sights on getting a banner. That was our goal all year."

This past Tuesday the Yellowjackets were scheduled to take on Archbishop Mitty at the Monarchs' homecourt in San Jose in the opening round of the NorCal playoffs. But regardless of the result of that match, the Jackets' goal has been realized.

They finally got the banner they had been waiting even though they lost to Analy in the

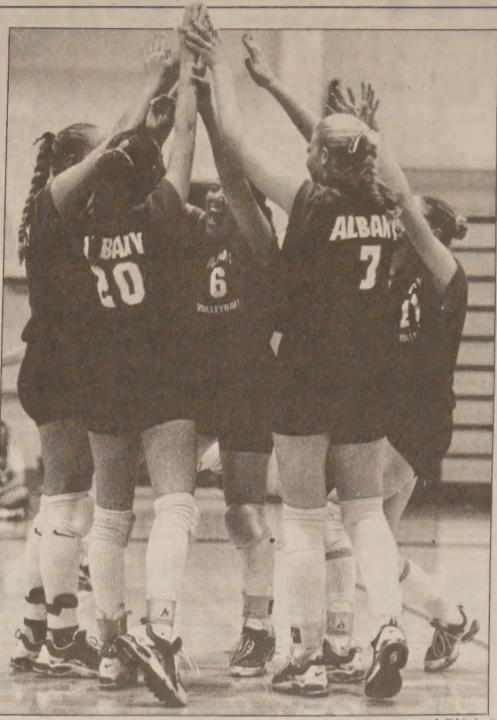
North Coast finals, 15-8, 15-6, 15-8. Along the way, they beat Acalanes (15-3, 15-6, 15-8) and Moreau Catholic (15-7, 15-7, 4-15, 15-13), and finished second in the East Bay Athletic League.

"We ended up getting ourselves a North Coast Sectional second place banner, so that was a big thrill for the team," said Hearne. "Our seniors had been here four years, and never gotten one up on the wall. So that really means a lot to the program."

Things were running smoothly for the Jackets in the title match with Analy (Sebastopol) until they hit the mid-point of the first game. The score was tied, 8-8, when suddenly the top-seeded Tigers turned on the juice and rattled off seven straight points to win the game. The Jackets were left eating Analy's dust, and never could quite recover.

"We had a problem with scoring against Analy, not siding out," remarked Hearne. "We can hang with anybody siding out. In the

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Albany's volleyball team celebrates comeback win over Campolindo in NCS title match last Saturday.

Jeff Lindquist

Our Cougars the Cougars

■ Albany gets clawed early by Campo's Cougars in NCS, but comes back to move on to NorCal.

By Jelani Harper

They're getting closer.

With the completion of North Coast and the start of NorCal playoffs this past Tuesday, Albany's women's volleyball team is inching ever closer to that elusive state title.

Last year, the Cougars reached the semifinal round of the state championships before succumbing to St. Francis of Mountain View. This year, they almost didn't make their scheduled Tuesday appointment with San Francisco's Thurgood Marshall High because of a newly improved Campolindo team in the NCS championship match.

Keep in mind that Albany had played Campo once before this year; the two teams met up this past October in the Castro Valley Invitational.

Then, Campo (who bears the Cougars moniker as hard as any other Albany team) in straight games.

So, you can imagine Albany's surprise when it faced Campo this past Saturday and spanked the first two games. Campo has only one above 5-feet-5 and so it's amazing to watch its players jump higher, quicker and hit harder.

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Campo was all over the first two games, diving to dig the ball, at the net, past Albany's blockers, and blocking some of Albany's passes.

It showed why it was

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ACCAL's Panthers, Gauchos fall to TCI



Typical of a frustrating night, EC's Isaac Phelps gets sacked by Miramonte LB in NCS game last Friday.

Matadors stick with their picadillo

■ El Cerrito coach Milo 'numb' but proud.

By Jeff Sepulveda

There is no doubt that El Cerrito's football team played hard in last Friday night's first round North Coast Section playoff game. However, its Miramonte opponents didn't appear to be impressed.

The Matadors from Orinda, dominated the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense, and thrashed the second-seeded Gauchos, 49-22, on EC's home field.

After the game, EC coach Frank Milo was understandably shaken: "I'm numb," he said. "I hate to see the season come to an end. It's going to take a few days or a week or so to get over it. But whatever happens, they can't take our ACCAL championship away from us. The playoffs are just icing on the cake."

The next evening, after the St. Mary's-Foothill game which Milo observed, he indicated that he was so devastated that he had considered not returning as coach next season. But later, he backed away

from that statement.

"I spoke to some of the parents and teachers, and now I'm against it (quitting)," he said, then started musing as to what the Gauchos will be in the next season. "We have five stars turning on defense, less than we lose some pretty good players."

That sure does sound like a coach talking, doesn't it?

EC had no answer to Miramonte quarterback Ken Dorsey's passing exploits, and were manhandled by a Matadors defense which refused to give up.

The Gauchos kept the game for most of the first half, but Matadors a step ahead the way. Both teams capped first quarter drives with 2-yard touch runs — Marcus Parham the honors for EC. But EC's extra point left them trailing.

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St. Mary's is run aground by Foothill's big wall

By Jeff Sepulveda

EL CERRITO — St. Mary's High football coach Dan Shaughnessy usually has a pretty simple offensive game plan: Run, run, run, and if that doesn't work, run some more. This strategy has proved remarkably effective for St. Mary's this season, due in large part to a talented backfield led by Paki Gordon, Eddie Smith, Devin Poche-West, and Jerriod Mack.

But the Panthers' run-at-all-costs strategy is also dependent on being able to control the scoreboard and

clock. This is where defense comes in, and SM's defense has dominated Panthers foes all season.

While the defense did not dominate last Saturday's North Coast Section Division 2A playoffs first round matchup against Foothill, it did play well.

But when SM found itself behind by two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, their offen-

sive limitations proved to be decisive which resulted in a 21-6 loss.

Run-happy SM started the game with a changeup — a pass. But, on the play, SM quarterback Max Slendebroek was intercepted.

The Panthers struck first midway through the first quarter with a big play. Tailback Gordon burst for a 77-yard TD run to give SM a 6-0 lead.

But Foothill (Pleasanton) answered on the very next play, as Falcons quarterback Robert Knox hooked up with receiver Chris

Frederick for a 6-yard pass which turned into a 98-yard TD play as two SM defenders collided.

Neither team could muster any offense in the second quarter, and Foothill led, 7-6 at halftime.

The Panthers traded punts to open the third quarter. Then, Foothill fullback Paul McCrary took over.

McCrary had seven carries for 56 yards and scored from two yards out to cap an eight-play, 65-yard drive to put Foothill ahead, 14-6.

SM dodged a bullet after punting the ball away on its next possession.

Knox and Frederick hooked up again, for 69 yards this time, and the Falcons had first-and-10 at the SM 5.

The Panthers held, but still could muster no offense and punted the ball right back.

Seven plays and 47 yards later, McCrary had his second 2-yard TD run, and Foothill had a commanding, 21-6 lead.

At this point, early in the fourth quarter and behind by two TDs, SM's game plan was in need of a shakeup. Twelve second-half plays

had produced but one first down — which was gained only by Foothill roughing Slendebroek when he was punting.

Knowing they needed a quick fix, the Panthers went for the opposite of SM's mark 3-yards-and-a-clump attack. Predictably, it didn't work.

The Falcons pressured SM consistently, and SM threatened to score only when Slendebroek

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Panthers stumble; only Arp going to state championships

By Jeff Sepulveda

The St. Mary's High boy's cross country team has experienced its share of winning. But for the Panthers, this season will end on a sour note, as SM finished third in last weekend's North Coast Section Division V championship meet. The top two teams advanced to the state championship meet this weekend. To its dismay, SM will be

staying home.

The Panthers haven't lost a dual meet in the past three Alameda-Contra Costa Leagues seasons, and were NCS Div. V champions in 1996.

This year's senior laden squad had high expectations, and was ranked No. 1 in the state in that division throughout the season. But key injuries at the worst time, and an 11th hour bump to Div. IV, con-

spired to end the Panthers' season early.

One bright note for SM is that senior Mike Arp qualified for the Div. IV state championship by placing fifth.

SM's girl's cross country team finished 10th at NCS. The Lady Panthers were paced by Ellen O'Day who finished 28th. Saturday's NCS meet was the first after a nearly month-long layoff for Jono Tapp,

who was recovering from a groin injury. Teammate Ryan Torres was running just his second race after a long layoff from a hip flexor. Tapp, SM's No. 4 runner prior to the injury, finished fifth among Panthers' harriers at NCS, 35th overall.

Tapp placed third among Panthers, 20th overall and just ahead of teammate Ben Manaitis who finished 21st.

SM was extremely close to quali-

fying for the state CIF championship meet, finishing with 87 points, a mere seven behind second place Redwood and 23 behind NCS champion Campolindo. Piedmont, which upset SM the week before at the ACCAL championship meet, finished fourth with 109 points.

After the meet, SM coach Francis Mason was certain that the injury bug was the only blip on what was supposed to be a dream season.

"I have no doubt that with the key injuries, we would have qualified for the state meet. The kids did their best. They ran with guts and pride. It's the nature of competition that you always win."

Given a chance to reflect on the season, Mason said that he and the team didn't achieve its goal, but there were reasons to be

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X Factor' takes long route home

Cal's Stanley finally has her woman — her jackets' Lacey.

Scott Strain

Cal women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley said that when she was coaching at Stanford, she led Amber Lacey "The X Factor" (the Crimson Tide)" Stanley

When we were preparing to go to Alabama (where Lacey was) a couple years ago for West Regionals, to me she was the 'X Factor' when I scouted the Tide, and she wanted to come home.

"They put a nice starting five on the floor, but when they put her in the lineup, it would have all kinds of problems for them. They didn't play her that much, so I kept thinking, 'That is a great idea I'd love to have.'"

Now, a couple of years later, the player and coach have big teams and, quite frankly, Lacey loves having Lacey. The Cal former All-NorCal player Berkeley High is a redshirt senior and has only one year to herself. So far in this young season, she has

Starting forward in her first game for the Golden Bears, Lacey had 19 points and 13 rebounds in a 58-55 victory over Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo last Thursday. Last night, she scored 16 points on 8-of-13 shooting in a 63 loss to the Tigers. She did

miss all five of her free-throw attempts. There is room for improvement.

But she is a smart, savvy, physically talented player, one of many that have come out of Gene Nakamura's program at Berkeley. Her road after BHS took her to Howard Junior College in Big Spring, Texas, where she starred for two years.

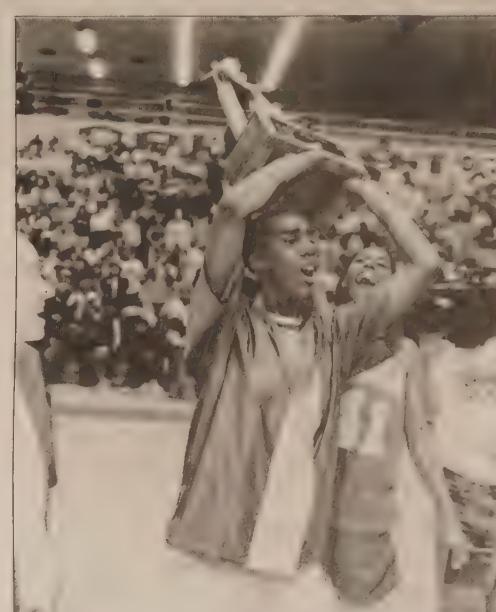
After that, she went to Alabama where she averaged 3.8 points and 3.8 rebounds per game in limited action. She didn't start any of the 32 games she played for the Tide, and she wanted to come home.

"I wasn't too interested in Cal in the beginning," Lacey said. "I wanted to go to USC where coach Stanley was, but I had some work to do before I could go to college, so it took me awhile to get back here."

Lacey had to sit out a year after transferring, but got to know Stanley's philosophy and work methods well enough so that when she did become eligible, she could fit right in. As a mature senior, she didn't feel that much pressure coming back to Berkeley.

"That's very unpredictable," she said about playing before fans who knew her when. "I didn't feel pressure about staying here, but I felt comfortable about going to junior college for two years and then going to a Division I school and playing. I just wanted to come back. The time was right."

Against Cal Poly, Lacey was



Shavaki Jackson, with BHS's state title, along with Jackets' Latifa Lewis, will go to Cal.

able to create her own shots and get some good positioning on rebounds.

"I felt much more relaxed in the second half than I did in the first," she said. "I was able to play my game. I was telling myself to be comfortable and play the game I know I can play."

Lacey, with her 35 points in two games, has solidified her hold on one starting spot in the Cal lineup. The Bears are coming off a 6-21 season and Stanley is using

the preseason to juggle players and combinations, trying to find the right mix. Lacey definitely is part of that mix.

If there is one sad note in all of this, it is that Lacey, being a senior, will only play one season for Cal. She wants to make it a year to remember.

The Bears travel to Honolulu this weekend to play in the Wahine Rainbow Classic. The Bears return home to play St. Mary's, Dec. 5.

Shavaki signs again to play for Lady Bears

Coach Marianne Stanley has announced the signing of 6-4 forward Shavaki Jackson and 6-4 center Latifa Lewis, both from Berkeley High, to national letters of intent for the 1998-99 season.

Jackson, who originally signed last November but had to return to Berkeley High this year to clear up some academic deficiencies, earned fourth team Parade All-America honors last season as a senior.

She averaged 21.7 points, 12.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocked shots per game while leading Berkeley to a 29-3 record and the Division I state title. Jackson also earned North Coast Section player for the year honors and first team all-state recognition.

In addition, she was rated as the 38th best player in the nation in 1996-97, according to Blue Star Scouting Report.

"We are pleased that Shavaki

has re-signed with us this fall," said Stanley.

"The extra year at the high school level has definitely helped her to mature as a student and as an athlete. She brings the agility and perimeter skills of a guard along with the power game of a center to our program. We expect Shavaki to have an immediate impact on our program."

Lewis, who transferred to Berkeley High this year from Oakland Tech, averaged 19.7 points and 12.0 rebounds per game as junior at Tech.

"Latifa is a strong, physical post player," Stanley said. "She is still developing her post skills but we feel that she has a great deal of potential and has the opportunity to become a very strong post player in the Pac-10 Conference."

No. 3 Cal in 'Big Splash' upset over No. 2 Stanford water polo

The No. 3 Cal men's water polo team upset No. 2 Stanford, 7-6, in the Big Splash, Saturday at Stanford.

Junior Brad Kittredge led Cal (20-5, 7-1 MPSF) with three goals, including the game-winner with 4:11 left to play. The Bears had led throughout, including a 4-1 lead at the end of the first half and a 5-2 margin after three periods. Cal was able to hold off a Stanford comeback, despite the Cardinal's Layne Beaubien scoring a two-

point goal to make the score, 7-6, with 1:35 left.

Other scorers for the Bears included freshman Eldar Hazzor, who scored a two-point goal with 1:39 in the second period; senior captain Brent bright, who scored the match's first goal with 1:39 to go in the first period and junior Ryan Flynn, who scored with 2:26 remaining in the second.

Cal will be the No. 2 seed in the MPSF Tournament Nov. 28-30 in Long Beach. The winner of the tournament is the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Dec. 5-7 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Cal will open with the tournament Nov. 28 vs. No. 7 UC Santa Barbara.

Cougars...

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No. 2 in the tournament, and made a serious run at Albany's No. 1 ranking.

But Albany did not fold, and showed Campo who the true Cougars were. After dropping the first two games, 10-15 and 13-15, the Albany Cougars displayed the stuff of which champions are made.

"I told the kids after the second game that we had two choices, we could either sit down or we could fight," recalled Ott. "And the kids came back and fought as hard as I've ever seen them fight."

In the third game Albany sprung to life. Suddenly there was Maria Zupo twisting and turning every which way to deliver passes for Albany finishes. Charity Harbo's spikes began slamming Campo's zone with alarming frequency, and both Laura Jensen and Mia Norelle had their share of kills as well.

In the end, it was the Cougars from Albany, not Campolindo, who were victorious (10-15, 13-15, 15-8, 15-6, 15-9). Based on Saturday's performance Albany has a chance as good as any team to win state. "I think that in first and second game we were a little bit nervous, a little tentative," he explained. "As the No. 1 seed, all the expectations are on you and everybody else kind of plays real easy. But I'm so ecstatic, everyone did such a great job. I was about to pass out, but I'm ecstatic. "When we were down I was asking the kids on the bench 'what's going on?'" continued Ott. "And everybody kept saying 'I don't know, I don't know what's going on.' But I'm just so proud of them for not giving up, and fighting as hard as they did."



BHS' Gina Welch, right background, goes for block vs. Acalanes Thursday as Amanda Miller supports.

Gauchos...

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Dan Reed's second 2-yard TD early in the second quarter put Miramonte ahead, 14-6.

The game turned late in the second quarter. Dorsey's passing and Reed's running led Miramonte from its own 15 to the Gauchos' 9-yard line. Three plays yielded three yards, and left the Matadors with a fourth-and-goal from the 6. Advantage Gauchos.

But Miramonte's magic would not be denied. Dorsey hit Pat Ward on a screen pass, and he walked into the end zone, putting the Matadors ahead, 21-6 going into halftime, and leaving EC reeling.

Unfortunately for the Gauchos, Miramonte and Dorsey were just beginning to warm up. Miramonte threw three more TDs in the third quarter. Dorsey threw two, the first of which came a mere four plays and 1:06 into the third quarter. But, after being burned by a 41-yard option pass, the Gauchos trailed, 42-6, with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter, and the EC coaches' jobs turned into consolidating the vanquished Gauchos before shellshock set in.

As dizzying as the Matadors offense was, the Miramonte defense was equally spectacular, throttling EC. The Gauchos' eight third quarter



Gauchos' Dan Ursini sends Miramonte running back flying, but EC was ousted from NCS play Saturday.

plays resulted in minus-8 yards and a lost fumble.

By the time EC got anything going as a team, in the fourth quarter, it trailed, 49-6.

Miramonte emptied bench celebrated on the field yielding two late TDs and a safety to make the final score a bit less gruesome, but no less decisive.

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Further, Englehardt said the buying public is moving away from traditional department stores and more towards niche or "lifestyle" retailers such as Old Navy or Barnes & Noble.

Those types of retailers may make up much of the future Plaza along with current tenants that want to stick it out, he said, adding that some may want to relocate, and the developers are counting on the city to pick up the obligations for those costs.

Shopping centers of El Cerrito's vintage are usually either "intensified or de-mailed," he said, citing Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek and the Hub in Fremont as examples of the latter.

One alternative is to pursue an "entertainment" destination such as Jack London Square in Oakland. That brings up the now-infamous question of a cineplex, which has been proposed for the Del Norte area but many believe is more appropriate to the Plaza.

"We have had a lot of interest from movie theaters," Englehardt said. "However, if you review the comments to the EIR, there is a lot of resistance to a movie theater. That will still be included as an alternative, but not one the company is pursuing."

So what can the public expect of the Plaza in the year 2001? The current odds are on a shopping center/community area with some major retailers but no department store.

Expect about half (possibly more) of the current buildings to remain the same, he said, with the survivors to get a major exterior facelift. The concept calls for a community gathering place, a restored creek and a grid of streets leading into the area.

Center

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nity shopping/gathering area envisioned by the council last year. "It's going to depend who the tenants are," Englehardt said, adding that if nothing else, the project area "is simply not large enough for a regular mall."

The good news is that, unlike the proposal the city had been pursuing before its designated developer dropped out in September, the proposal being formulated will not require land acquisition costs. The caveat is that the partners will likely seek redevelopment funding for tenant relocation and financing public improvements (which were both part of the previous proposal, as well).

Ultimately, Englehardt said after the meeting, the owners would also expect the city to purchase the publicly maintained portions (streets and town square) of the property.

The largest variable — as it has always been in any effort to revitalize the Plaza — is the center's divided ownership.

Southern California investor Milton Bilak owns the buildings that contain the smaller shops. Englehardt's Concord-based commercial real estate services firm, Gallagher & Miersch, represents American Stores, the parent company of the Lucky supermarket chain, which has a long-established space at the Plaza. Committed to maintaining its presence and building a "superstore" at the location, American Stores recently completed the purchase of the vacant Emporium department store space, which includes entitlement to the surrounding parking.

Longs Drugs is a third player in the equation, with ownership of its own building and a say over the site plan and access to its space.

"This is not an easy project," Englehardt said. "There is a significant amount of ownership" as well as lease holds and contractual restrictions to work around.

The difference now is that American Stores and Bilak, which were at odds when previous proposals came before the council, are working together, having negotiated a confidential agreement that gives Englehardt access to ledgers and leases of both parties. It is an uncommon pledge of faith on Bilak's part, he said, noting that the confidentiality aspects prevent him from being more specific about the project.

Aside from an indication of trust and willingness, that access will mean the ability to formulate a complete economic outlook for the property that should be complete by the end of next month, said Englehardt, adding that he will meet with Longs officials this week.

Based on his evaluations, Englehardt hopes to have conceptual site plans and to begin review by "stakeholders" (owners, tenants, the community and city officials) early next year.

At that point the developers would begin talking with existing and potential new tenants, then negotiations would begin with the city.

With the city starved for new sales tax revenue and anxious to get a return on a redevelopment area project, Englehardt's description appealed to City Councilmember Jane Bartke, who attended the presentation and said there were "no surprises." Bartke called it "very encouraging" that the developers intend to incorporate the approved site plan into their proposal.

Bartke said she met with representatives of the development partners a couple of months ago and discussed the site plan and the certified environmental impact report, and pointed out that the use of both "saves time" as far as the approval process.

As far as housing at the Plaza, which had been the pivotal element for the council when the previous plan was approved, Bartke said it is not a life-or-death issue for the council. "When we met I pointed out that we were not sold on (housing) if we could get retail."

The plan, which Englehardt later indicated is not necessary, was to sell the eastern portion of the property (next to the BART tracks) designated for housing in order to finance the remaining part of the project.

But she did say that it is important to "look at the empty area where the housing was going. We have to put something — retail, housing, a hotel."

Santa

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a.m. to 4 p.m. and can mail letters to Santa at the North Pole on the days that he is not in residence. All letters will be answered.

There will be a Christmas Coloring Contest. Children under age 9 can pick up coloring contest applications at Santa's Village or Plaza merchants.

Winners of this contest will receive ribbons and \$25 in Plaza Money to spend at a store in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Frenzy

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west of the railroad, an elaborate network of shacks served as home to maybe a dozen persons. The camps were bulldozed in late 1996, rebuilt a few months later, and, starting Nov. 3 of this year, were bulldozed again, this time to the point where one has to look long and hard to even remember where they were.

Every last scrap of brush has been removed, and, in the moist, freshly-turned earth, lie the remnants of a world that once was: a wine bottle, a muddy abalone shell, a book on the American Revolution, a Cadillac hubcap hung from the fence across the tracks where a man who called himself "Jimbob the Hobo" once lived.

According to Union Pacific Police Capt. John Allen, the operation was prompted by drug use in the camps and concerns about flood problems from the heavy vegetation and "debris" accumulated by the squatters (who were, perhaps, the most voracious accumulators one will ever meet). Critchfield, in fact, says he saw a 12-foot sailboat being removed during the two-week operation, which was so thorough hardly even a blade of grass remains.

"They did a wonderful job. They didn't leave them anywhere to hide," Critchfield says (originally, the camps were so well-disguised as to be invisible from anywhere but a few feet away). At least one camp resident, word has it, has moved to the Albany landfill, and, as for flooding along the now barren creek: "Honestly, I don't expect there to ever be a flood problem again," Critchfield says.

Upstream, things have also been busy. According to Community Development Director Bill Eker, crews have taken extra precautions as far as keeping storm drains clear, a move the city hopes will prevent runoff from Albany and the Berkeley hills from taking what he calls the "overland" route. Sandbags are available both at the city's maintenance center and the parking lot of the Bill Lewis Teen Center, and city crews will be on call.

Or rather, as one woman found out last winter, they are on call if the waterway that runs near your property falls into what is considered the public domain.

As you follow Codornices Creek to the east along the Berkeley/Albany border, it runs daylighted along University Village, dips under San Pablo Avenue, and continues, sometimes daylighted and sometimes not, east past the home of Santa Fe Avenue resident Karen Bougac.

Last winter, Bougac received somewhat of a shock when a tree trunk lodged in the creek, threatening to flood her basement. The shock, however, came not from the potential flooding, but the response to her call to the city for help. She was told that, as the creek was on her property, she was the one responsible for clearing it.

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Portland Avenue braces

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Once the sewage starts flowing, there is nothing anyone can do to stop it; crews wash residents' lawns, treat them with bleach, and that's it. According to Fields, response to any overflows will be speedy: "I'm not going to wait for Berkeley if there's a problem," he says.

As for Jester, she too plans to waste no time, and promises to "bug" the city's maintenance department the very second the sewage touches the street. And, although having your lawn washed is not quite as nice as keeping it feces-free in the first place, "it is sort of psychological, but it makes me feel okay," Jester says.

Monitoring Cerrito Creek

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Activities included a video, titled "The Guest," in which employees were shown examples of fine, and not-so-fine, service. Also, said officials, the track will select a new mission statement, which, if it is chosen from among employee entries, will honor that might now be available to members of Team GGF.

Also included were raffle-style giveaways of cash and vacations, and more hard cash was handed out to those who could answer questions such as when the track first opened (1941). After the alcohol-free event came to an end, employees were invited to gorge themselves at a well-stocked buffet, and were sent home with free windbreakers to mark the new era.

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Keith Alcock, a member of the group who lives next to Cerrito Creek, says the high amount of paved area in the East Bay, which forces water directly into storm drains and creeks as opposed to letting it soak into the ground, also contributes. In the meantime, members of the group, as well as crews from El Cerrito, have helped clear the creek of vegetation, although flooding, says Lindstrom, has already occurred this year.

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According to Struve, though, "It's almost inevitable there's going to be complete backups. I think it's inevitable there's going to be some flooding. It's not if, it's when."

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Rick Reichow, who runs the company's California operations, after the rally, though some, he noticed, might have at first dismissed the event as "fluff," Reichow felt that, overall, employees were enthused and the new program would be a success.

Also, the rally comes at a time when Ladbroke is focusing more and more on its California operations, as it has, for example, moved its U.S. headquarters from Pennsylvania to the East Bay. For customers, changes beyond the new employee spirit will include lower admission prices and televisions added to each table in the Turf Club, all in time for the opening of the fall racing season.

And, as far as the two lawsuits against a proposed 150-table cardroom at the facility, Reichow said his company will continue fighting despite the recent setback at the California Supreme Court (the court refused to review an appellate court decision rendered partially in favor of the citizens for Responsible Government).

"We're continuing in the lawsuit, as we've said before," Reichow said. "At the end of the day, we'll live by what the courts say, I guess."

Carpool

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of drivers and passengers the carpool matches are made smoothly and cars are quickly on the freeway headed toward the bridge. However, at some points in the morning commute hour, which can extend from 5 A.M. to 9 A.M., there tends to be a shortage of passengers, and the over-supply of waiting vehicles overflows the parking lot and backs up into the street. Until mid-November the line extended into Peerless Avenue, a little-used street behind Church's. As of November 10, Peerless Avenue was closed to traffic. The City of El Cerrito abandoned the street in the process of creating a site for a new four-acre shopping center to be built next to the chicken outlet.

The loss of Peerless Avenue has meant that waiting carpool vehicles now back up into Cutting Boulevard, at a key location which connects I-80 with San Pablo Avenue and BART. At times the back-up has clogged the turn lanes to San Pablo Avenue. The line of waiting cars has made it difficult for other drivers to exit the freeway and for pedestrians to use the cross walks at the intersection. Some drivers have tried to load passengers in a marked bus zone (and have received stiff fines for violating the vehicle code).

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Bill Mann

Shopping, Old Chap?: Even though the "official" beginning of the holiday season, the Christmas ads and displays, been with us since before Halloween. But an American mercantile phenomenon: Two just back from London, where, they report, decorations have been up for weeks in Hand, along with giant portraits of the late Prince and his beau, Dodi Fayed, the owner's late son. The holiday shopping tip: The stores are usually crowded on Monday nights when the TV is on.

The travelers also report that the British press hasn't been as one-sided as the British press has been led to believe on TV newscasts. "Some papers have been saying that a baby was killed by someone," said one friend. "I don't often agree with KGO Radio's *Degree Burns*. Burns' recent comments on page-popping in Britain after the nanny was inappropriate (there still being a dead baby on TV).

Still, even though the Fleet Street has the British press hasn't been as one-sided as the British press has been led to believe on TV newscasts. "I'm really tired of fighting the water and fighting the rain," says Lindstrom, who has lived in her current location for 48 years and believes the flooding has grown much worse in the last decade.

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Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Open Studios Tour
Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios, the annual free self-guided tour, is Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 29 through Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet artists and see works in progress. Call for information on studio locations. Details: 845-2612.

Potters Guild Holiday sale

The Berkeley Potters Guild holds its 26th Annual Winter Holiday Sale: "Brew Ha! Ha!" Nov. 29 through Dec. 21. Nineteen guild members display current works in the guild's gallery and throughout their studios. Russian Tea Ceremony, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by ceramic artist Julia Kirillova. Free. Nov. 29, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 7, and Dec. 13 through Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 731 Jones Street, Berkeley. Details: 524-7031.



Russian tea ceremony pot by ceramic artist Julia Kirillova.

Messiah Sing

David Milnes conducts the 17th annual Messiah Sing on Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" with students, guest soloists, University Symphony Orchestra members and a participating audience. Bring your own score. Cost is \$10 to participate and proceeds benefit students in UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program. Hertz Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft Way. Details: 642-9988.

It's 'Midsummer' in Albany

See the first Shakespearean production of Albany High School's Drama Ensemble: "A Midsummer Night's Dream with a contemporary twist. Directed by Aaron Davidman, former company member of the California and Utah Shakespeare festivals. Shows are on Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Located at 603 Key Route Blvd. For ticket information call 559-880, extension 6588. Hope to see you at this exciting, hilarious production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

New Aurora production

Aurora Theatre presents "Dear Master" by Dorothy Bryant, Nov. 28 through Dec. 14. In 1863 Gustave Flaubert wrote to thank George Sand for her favorable review of his novel "Salammbô" and started a 13-year friendship by mail.

Tickets are \$18 to \$25. Performances are Wednesday to Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Details: 843-4822.

Picnic time for Teddy Bears

"The 14th Annual Teddy Bears and Friends Parade and Film Festival," is at the Pacific Film Archive Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Children will march through the theater with their bears to the tune of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" and then see a series of films about teddy bears, dolls and animal pals.

Admission is \$3.50 and the fun is at the Berkeley Art Museum, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Details: 642-1412.

Christmas Revels

The Christmas Revels, a theatrical celebration of the winter solstice with traditional and ritual songs and dances from Celtic, Brittany, is at Oakland's Scottish Rite Temple Dec. 5 through Dec. 14. Tickets are \$12 to \$25 general; \$12 seniors and children under age 12. Performances are Friday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Dec. 6, 3 p.m.; Dec. 13, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Scottish Rite Theater is at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Details: 893-9853.

Cal Performances offerings

Traditional Music of Bulgaria, Tuva and Russia, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. presents the Bulgarian women's choir Angelite; the Tuvan throat singers of Huun-Huur-Tu; and Russian clarinetist and singer Sergy Starostin performing with the Moscow Art Trio. At Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. \$14 to \$26.

Ensemble Project Ars Nova: "Angeli: The Wind Was in Their Wings," Dec. 5, 8 p.m. This group specializes in music before 1850 featuring works by Hildegard von Bingen, works by composers of the Notre Dame school, and new works based on the theme of angels by Patricia Van Ness. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$28. Details or tickets: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

Messiah and other Christmas music

A service of Lessons and Carols, including selections from Handel's Messiah, will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at Berkeley's Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Starting at 3 p.m., the program offers the opportunity to all participants to sing parts of Messiah, including some of the solos, as well as other music for Christmas. Scores of the entire Messiah will be available. Details: 524-2921.

Arts Festival and Auction

The Richmond Art Center's free Holiday Arts Festival and Auction, held to benefit RAC's exhibition, education and art reach programs for local youth is Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. There will be tours of the facility with demonstrations of various media and a sale of works created in RAC's studios, hands-on art projects for all ages (including gift making, frame making and hands-on glazing in ceramic studio), children's activities such as story telling and face painting, a raffle, a cafe of gourmet foods and a silent auction of artworks in the Main Gallery. Richmond Art Center is located at 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza. There is plenty of free parking. Details: 620-6772.

Ballet at Hilltop

Members of the Oakland Ballet will dance 30-minute performances of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at Hilltop Mall off I-80 in Richmond on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Between performances the audience can mingle with the costumed dancers.

North African music, stories at La Peña

Yassir Chadly and "Marhaba," featuring music, dance, and storytelling of Morocco, in concert with "Modupué," a multi-talented ensemble that features poet, Avotcja, on multi-percussions.

By Wanda Sabir

Sitting in Yassir and wife, Khadija's Albany home discussing the upcoming concert at La Peña Cultural Center, Friday, Nov. 28, there was so much to see — from the North African instruments, to the lovely ceramic urns, platters, and pots, made by this talented husband/wife team.

Yassir, who has lived with his family in Albany for 11 years, began performing professionally in Morocco when he was 16. In the U.S. he started a group known as Al Fayzeen, which in Arabic means "The Successful Ones," and now leads the group "Marhaba," or "Welcome!"

Friday evening he'll be playing various percussion instruments, "the bender," which looks like a tambourine without the metal shakers, and has string on the underside for strumming. He will also play the "tareja" and "dumbek," clay drums, plus many string instruments, from the "oud," eleven strings, no frets, to his principal instrument the "gimbri," a rectangular three-string bass instrument, made with, among other things, the skin of a camel neck and a sardine can. He will also play the fret-less banjo, or "sneetra," and the "chumbesh," a banjo/oud combination.

Their 11-year-old son Brahim, who has been playing with his father for eight months, will play karkabas or clackers, along with Abdulrahman Fuson, who will also play other percussion instruments. Joining them will be Boushieb Abdul Hadi on violin, oud and —



Yassir Chadly (right, with his son) appears in concert with the ensemble 'Modupué,' featuring poet Avotcja (above).

what else — percussion. In "Marhaba," everyone sings.

"Marhaba's" style is traditional African call-and-response — their repertoire includes North African folkloric music as well as "Gnawa," Sufi spiritual music. Inviting and inclusive of all cultures, this group, which is highly improvisational, responds to the audience in a way that makes each performance a unique experience. Yassir, an internationally known and respected musician, has recorded with Pharaoh Sanders, Dizzy Gillespie and Randy Williams, and toured with saxophonist, Steve Coleman.

Add to "Marhaba," the jazz band "Modupué," which means "Gratitude to the ancestors" in the Yoruba language, and you've got an unparalleled evening of delight. "Modupué" features an all-star line up: poet, musician extraordinaire Avotcja on multi-percussions; Kash Killion, "Killion's Jillion" on cello, bass, and sarangi, an East Indian string

instrument played with a bow; Tarika Lewis on violin, Roland Jackson on mbira/percussions, Destiny on harp, Greg Winter on vocals with special guest vocalist, Imani.

I saw quite a few of the "Modupué" ensemble earlier this year at Dimensions Dance Theatre's 25th anniversary celebration, and I've seen Yassir numerous times with Pharaoh Sanders.

Avotcja, teacher, composer, KPFA radio host, poet, storyteller, vocalist, is also a versatile instrumentalist — flute, guitar, and small Afro-Latin percussion, who's been performing professionally since the age of 14, and comes from a tradition of music that spans multiple continents and includes an eclectic blend of styles: boleros, jazz, calypso, gospel, African, blues, salsa, and Euro-classical.

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Dolphy, Black Arthur Blythe, Caribean Etc., E.W. Wainwright, Shakiri & Rootworkers, and the already mentioned Dimensions Dance Theatre, where she wrote some of the poetry for the "Black Panther Project."

She says that saxophonist, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, whom she met at the infamous Boat-Ann Club in San Francisco convinced her that "life was sound," and she was a "sound junkie." It was his encouragement that helped Avotcja get on stage and do poetry with music, (something unheard of then.)

Many decades later, Avotcja's unique sound tells the story of who she is — an Afro-Puerto Rican griot — born in Brooklyn, raised in Harlem, world traveler, trying to spread a little joy along her way.

"Marhaba" and "Modupué," at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 8 p.m., will be fun for the whole family. Tickets: \$10 Details: 849-2568.

Free Community Orchestra concert

The 60-member Albany Community Orchestra will present a free public concert Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Featured soloists will be Janet Small, violin, performing the "Romance" for violin and orchestra by Dvorak, and soprano Teresa Colyer, who will sing three short selections: "Voi Che Sepe" from Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro", "Sure On This Shining Night" by Samuel Barber, and "Velia" from "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Franz Lehár.

Small has had a varied career as a professional musician and recording artist. She has a degree from Stanford, where she studied piano with Adolph Baller and computer music with John Chowning. A Berkeley

resident, she plays first violin in the Albany Orchestra, and appears with other local ensembles.

Colyer began her musical career as a singer. Since moving to the Bay Area she has performed as a soloist and ensemble singer with the San Francisco Opera Chorus, the San Francisco Chamber Singers, Bracebridge Singers, the Marin Symphony Chorus and numerous local churches. Colyer lives in Novato, plays violin in the Albany Orchestra and teaches 4th grade in El Cerrito and gives private voice lessons.

The orchestra, directed by Ernie Douglas, will also perform two movements from Beethoven's 3rd Symphony, Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture", and "The Russian Sailor's Dance" by Gliere.



Featured violin soloist Janet Small.

Kristallnacht

The Judah L. Magnes Museum presents "Kristallnacht," an installation by Mona Higuchi that commemorates Nov. 9, 1938 (known as Kristallnacht) when Nazi-instigated mobs broke synagogue glass, Jewish windows and committed other acts of destruction.

Other exhibits at the museum include "Jewish Pictorial Carpets" from the Anton Felton Collection, London, "19th and 20th century carpets of silk, cotton or wool that depict Biblical, historical and other scenes: "Jews/America/A Representation," an exhibit of photographs by Frederic Brenner capturing the range of Jewish life today; and "The Passionate Search: Building the Collections of the Magnes Museum, 1962 to 1997," which traces the history of the museum since its beginning in 1962 as a single display case in the Oakland-Piedmont Jewish Community Center.

The museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Admission is free. Details: 549-6950.



"Kristallnacht" a room installation by Mona Higuchi and R. Lerman of 2-inch by 3-inch pieces of glass suspended by monofilament.

Goings On About Town

■ **Submissions to Goings On About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.**

Children

Ongoing
UC Berkeley Research Project: Child Health and Behavior: specialists in childhood health and development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be available for one visit to UC Berkeley's Child Study Center. Participating families will be compensated \$15 for their time. For more information call 643-2522.

Berkeley Public Library
 Nov. 23; 1:30pm; 2090 Kittredge Children's Book Week, with a performance of The Patchwork Quilt and other Grandparent Tales by the acting troupe Stagebridge; Central Library; for more information on these free programs, call 649-3943.

The Albany Community Center
 Nov. 23; 11:00am - Noon; 1249 Marin Ave. at Masonic in Albany

Jim Bidi & Paul E. Wog star in "Happy Clown Theatre" and Singer Randy McCommons; call 652-SHOW for tickets and birthday party reservations.

Lawrence Hall of Science

Mostly Music; through Jan. 11, 1988; science rocks in this interactive exhibit for the whole family filled with hands-on experiences with sound and music.

Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642-5123; open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; \$6 adults; \$4 children 7 - 18, seniors, and students; \$2 for children 3 - 6.

Classes

Ongoing
The Art of Living Center: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment; a gallery and gift shop offering original art and crafts. Each month the gallery section features different artists. Classes and workshops are offered in the studio at the rear of the building. This month's featured mixed-media artist: Jan Hart-Schuyler, creator of enchanting hand-made dolls; 2905 Shattuck Ave.; 848-3736.

Yoga at Noon: Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday mornings; Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

Berkeley Community Media: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; free orientation class to find out how to use the resources at Berkeley's Public Access Television Center. \$25 fee covers three part field & edit video class beginning Nov. 15; 1:30 - 4 p.m.; an express studio class will be offered Nov. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m.; \$10 fee.

Introductory Yoga Class: Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

Health, Fitness & Community Education: classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop for fees.

Salsa Lessons: 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Alibier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
 Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Community Events

Nov. 27
Albany Pool special holiday schedule: Nov. 27; 7 - 11 a.m., Nov. 28, 6 - 7:55 a.m., noon - 12:55 p.m., and 6:30 - 7:25 p.m. for lap swimming. Recreational swim will be 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:20 p.m. Sat. & Sun. hours are as usual. Sat. laps 7 - 8:25 a.m. & 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Sunday 1 - 2:25 p.m. & Sat. & Sun. 4:30 - 6:25 p.m. Recreational swim is 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. on both days. All Classes meet as usual; 559-6640.

Dec. 1
World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil: 6 p.m.; The Alameda County Teen AIDS Prevention Education Programs, (ACTAPEP), whose mission is to empower young adults in our communities to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, embarked on an effort to commemorate World AIDS day. The vigil meets at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Please call Maria Aguilar with any questions, at 873-6507.

An Evening of Remembrance & Insights into the Changing Face of AIDS: 7 p.m.; A community program includes speakers from the front lines of HIV/AIDS services and biotechnology, as well as music, a participatory candle lighting ceremony and panels from the NAMES project AIDS memorial quilt. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center 1414 Walnut Street at Ross in Berkeley; 848-0237.

Ongoing
Earn Your Wings: Adopt an Angel. The Salvation Army has chosen select Bay Area children whose families are on limited incomes or under special circumstances and are unable to provide a nice

Christmas. You will receive your "Angel(s)" card(s); you then purchase a gift asked for, or something of your choice. Angels are available now, and the gifts go out on Dec. 23, all gifts should be received at the Chamber Office by Dec. 18. If you would like to participate, please call 549-7003.

Buy, Rescue, Rescue Animals: Much Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center; Willow Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Moms in Community: Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Childcare begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

Cars for a Cure: help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Exhibits

Nov. 29
Berkeley Potter's Guild's Brew-Ha-Ha its 26th annual winter holiday sale; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; during the weekends of Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, then the entire week of Dec. 13-21, nineteen guild members will display their works in the gallery and throughout their complexes of open studios. The guild is located right in the heart of Berkeley's artist district, at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 for more info.

Dec. 2
 6 - 9 p.m. Seven retail stores and galleries on Tenth and Gilman Streets are hosting their first evening event to celebrate the completion of the center known as "Seven on Tenth." An evening of good cheer and great shopping at the seven new stores, each of which will remain open for the duration of the event, offering special discounts, festive music; Mal Sharpe with his Dixieland Jazz Band, 7 on 10th at Gilman; for more information call Colin Smith 528-2377.

Viva Corazon!; through Dec. 2; an exhibit of quilts celebrating life and love; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave.; 527-6779.

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FigTree Gallery: through Dec. 31; every weekend; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment; exhibiting the work of the 18 artists who are members; sculpture, drawing, photo. Prices are guaranteed reasonable. With "seconds" being offered at rock bottom prices. 2599 Eighth St. Space #42 Berkeley. For more info: 527-9931.

Joie de Vivre, Annual Holiday Extravaganza: through Jan. 4; work by 120 Gallery Artists. ceramics, class, jewelry, photography, painting, prints, sculpture, textiles. A.C.C.I. Gallery, 11652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 843-2527.

Addison Street Windows to feature Interpretive Teapots by Child Artists: through Dec. 31; The exhibit showcases the works of over 100 kids, all of whom are students in the Kids' "N Clay Pottery Studio in West Berkeley. 2020 Addison Street and Shattuck in Berkeley.

Get in Here Again: through Jan. 11; this exhibit will bring together 15 artists representing a range of ages, experience and media. Traylor Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., Near Gilman. Please call Kirtina Traylor at 527-1214 for more info.

Berkeley Artisans 1997 Holiday Open Studios (A self-guided tour) Sat. & Sun. 11-5 p.m., Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21. A free map is available listing all participants; over 100 artists and craftspeople open their working studios throughout South and West Berkeley. Admission is Free. Receive the map by mail; send a SASE to: Artisans Map, 1250 Addison St. #214, Berkeley, CA 94702. Pick up a map at the same address during the event. For other map distribution points call 845-2612.

"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley": through April, 1998; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St; 848-0181.

Oblations for the House of God: through Jan. 19; new paintings by Andrew Tulimiero Welch; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley; 843-6230.

Jewish Pictorial Carpets: through Jan. 25; carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London; guest curator Murray Eiland; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Mildred Howard Installation: through Dec. 21; Howard's first one-person show in her home town; Berkeley Art Center Association, 1275 Walnut St., 644-6893.

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colors by Marie Guelld and Nancy de Maraville; the Berkeley Watercolorists are a group of about 40 artists who meet weekly from March to November to paint and study together; Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley.

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Jews/America/A Representation: through Jan. 25; from "Rabbinic Coupling" to "Jews with Hogs." Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors, to "Descendants of Levi Strauss," and celebrity portraits by French photographer Frederic Brenner; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

"Women Series": through Jan. 2; an exhibit by Impressionist Painter Regine Pressler; reception for the artist Oct. 10 7 - 9 p.m.; Red Oak Gallery, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-3387.

Body Decoration from Around the World: through January; an exhibit featuring tattooing, body panting and scarification from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and south America, shown in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895.

Ichisai Kumbishi: Samurai Stories: through Dec. 28; 20 woodblock triptychs by 19th century Japanese printmaker, focus particularly on the warrior or Samurai stories and explore a nostalgia for a chivalrous past.

Ceramic Still Life: through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artists from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway, 594-3650.

Berkeley Art Museum Knowledge of Higher Worlds: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings; through Jan. 4; surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar and mystic Steiner over 75 years ago.

Premonition: Luce Tuymans, Drawings; through Jan. 11; one of the most highly regarded artists working in Europe today, includes over 90 works dated from the mid-70s to the present.

Bernard Maybeck Drawings: through Jan. 18, 1998; a selection of drawings from San Francisco's radical romantic architect and champion of the California Arts and Crafts movement.

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1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 468-0698.

GAI Bookstore and Community Center Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.; Dana Ullman, Everybody's Guide to Homeopathy

Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.; Patrice Wynne, Nita Lesowitz, Annette Madden with photographer Lief Zurmuhlen & editor Patricia Martin present "The Right Side of 40:

Celebrating Timeless Women."

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Ongoing WORD! a political poetry workshop; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Nov. 24; a free series for teens and adults; an exciting and supportive place to read, write, discuss poetry and grow as a poet in a political world; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Russell; 644-6860.

Meetings

Ongoing Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club: every second and fourth Monday of the Month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1606 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

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Our apologies for the confusion of the ad that ran November 23 and 24 for
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The Maven has learned, with the help of a reliable source, of course, that Le Cheval, that stylish Vietnamese restaurant on Clay Street, downtown, will be spreading its wings once again.

Begun in a kitchy room in a dilapidated and eventually condemned building on Jefferson Street, surrounded by notorious street detritus, Le Cheval eventually moved to a huge, elegant storefront a few blocks away several years ago.

The Vietnamese restaurant, which probably serves more cops than any other Vietnamese restaurant in America — it's down the street from the main Oakland cop house — will be opening in two new locales.

The first will be to Berkeley's University Avenue at the end of the year; and the other will be somewhere in the Oakland Civic Center area in May of next year. The latter will not be a restaurant but a banquet hall where business people can have meetings, plug their laptops in, and have a bowl of *pho*.

The Maven's favorite dish at Le Cheval, by the by, is a mandala-like platter of marinated rare beef surrounded by lemons, mint, cilantro, onions and bits of fried garlic, in a sweet, vinegary sauce based in *nuoc mam*, the Vietnamese national condiment — anchovy sauce.

The new Elmwood Grill in Berkeley's Elmwood, of course, on College, is now serving breakfast.

After The Maven's mini-review of Autumn Moon last week, to which some didn't agree, people called to say, "You must try the brunches." OK.

For those of you, and you know who you are, who may be having a belated Thanksgiving dinner or even a second Thanksgiving dinner as so many of us here are not surrounded by traditional families but by our extended families, the Pasta Shop in Market Hall — the kitchen away from home for many of us — is offering Thanksgiving to go. Orders were taken up to last Monday, but The Maven bets you can get some good deals on those last minute, non-perishable items for that spontaneous Thanksgiving giving. Call 547-4005 and blame it on The Maven for your last minute — literally — holiday needs.

The Maven urges a trip down to Santa Barbara. It's only a hop, skip, and a jump, and a hop, skip, and a jump away. Seriously, winter is a nice time to spend in Santa Barbara, especially up in the Santa Ynez Valley where some wonderful wineries are producing some of California's top wines. Stay at the lovely Los Olivos Grand Hotel.

While up there, travel down through Lake Cuchuma and then down into town. Here's several dining spots: Michel Richard's Citronelle on the beach in the Santa Barbara Inn, Doug Margerum's Cuvee and Wine Cask, the Patio Restaurant at the secluded Biltmore Hotel on Santa Barbara Channel, and, of course, La Super Rica on Milpas Street. The others are on the fancy side, but La Super Rica is said to be Julia Child's favorite Mexican restaurant (she has a home in SB). There's always a line here, but it moves quickly. Everything is freshly made here, including three different types of salsa. The dining room is an outdoor patio hidden under shade trees. And the food (Mexican is not The Maven's favorite ethnic cuisine, is superb, delicious, and, of course, inexpensive (especially after some of those expensive aforementioned fancy shmancy joints).

Maven: One who thinks they know everything about something. Got a tip for The Maven? Fax it to 339-4066.

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CHRYSLER 1995 Concord, 6 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, A/C, pl, pw, AM/FM cassette, cruise, 43K miles. Custom wheels. Extra Clean! #5587203. \$13,995.

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CHRYSLER 1988 LeBaron convertible, loaded, 5 speed, only 49K miles, turbo, Air conditioning, tilt, cruise, leather, power everything, 1 owner. \$3500 510-482-1325

DODGE 1997 Grand Caravan SE, 6 cylinder, Auto, ps, pb, A/C, pl, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette. Extra Clean! #332957. \$18,995

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DODGE 1998 Caravan, 6 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, A/C, pl, pw, AM/FM cassette, cruise, 43K miles. Custom wheels. Extra Clean! #5587203. \$12,995.

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DODGE 1982 Artes station wagon, rebuilt transmission, new tires, new timing chain. 121K miles. \$1350. 530-4814. lexis message

FIAT 1986 Bertone X 1/8, runs good. \$950. Call: 264-1630

FORD 1997 Thunderbird LX, 6 cylinder, power group. Rental/repurchase. Vin#116222, \$13,888.

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FORD 1998 Caravan. Excellent family car, 5 passenger, loads of cargo space, very good condition. \$2200 655-3775

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FORD 1998 Escort, 4 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, A/C, pl, pw, AM/FM cassette, cruise, tilt. #107175. \$12,998.

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FORD 1998 Taurus, 4 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, A/C, pl, pw, AM/FM cassette, cruise, tilt. #107175. \$12,998.

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FORD 1994 Bronco XLT, V-8, XLT package, power group. Vin#B00904. \$15,888.

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FORD 1994 Ranger XLT, 4x4, 40 ltrs, 4x4, shell. Vin#A71170. \$10,888.

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Help Wanted

401 Help Wanted

OFFICE Manager, part time for great office- North Berkeley Financial planner needs self motivated, organized individual, Windows literate, 25 hours/ week, long-term desired. \$13/ hour to start. Detail-oriented a plus. Fax resume: 510-649-1622.

OPTOMETRIC Assistant/ Receptionist wanted for established 3 doctor private practice in Rockridge area of Oakland. Good phone and communication skills required. Previous experience in a medical office required. We are looking for someone who works well with people, can handle many tasks at once, and is not intimidated by a computer. Full-time position with medical and dental benefits. Salary negotiable. Contact Sue: 510-655-3797

PART-TIME assistant in family childcare. Must be very outgoing, experienced. Responsibilities include crafts, music, cleanup, ECE, car maintenance. 339-9389

PART-TIME position (20 hours/ week) working with a Senior Manager or Holistic chiropractic practice. North Oakland/ Rockridge. Enjoy working with people, strong marketing ability, insurance billing, patient scheduling, bookkeeping, computer skills. Must have own car, live in East Bay. Holistic experience preferred. Resumes: ACC, 5273 College, Oakland 94618. Fax: 510-662-2328.

PART-TIME responsible self starter for medical front office, requires accuracy and bookkeeping skills. Send resume: Box C, 5707 Redwood Road, Suite 4, Oakland, California 94619.

PICTURE Framing: Full-time, experience preferred. Management trainee also needed. Benefits: Berkeley, 510-489-4444.

PLUMBERS

Established company looking for experienced plumbing/ heating service people. Good hourly pay, no commission, health benefits, pension plan, 401K. Good DMV and verifiable references. 510-528-4292.

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REAL Estate Agent. Licensed, established 20 years old Grand Lake Office. 70% commission. Art, 465-4805

RECEPTIONIST, office administrator for CPA. Knowledge of WordPerfect. Full-time, temporary, \$9/hour. Return to Wells, 401 Grand Ave., Oakland 94610

RECEPTIONIST: seeking people oriented for high volume animal clinic. Part-time/ full-time, some experience preferred. Great benefits and hours. Bring resume and fill out application. 2700 9th Street, Berkeley.

RECEPTIONIST, 1pm- 6pm for year round school. Strong phone presence as well as clerical and computer knowledge a must. Experience with children necessary. Pay is \$8 per hour. Send resume to Beacon School, 2101 Livingston Street, Oakland 94606; or fax to 437-2314. Attention: Ann Graham

RECEPTIONIST working from home via Fax with pay. Fax resume: 510-530-5009. Call 363-3331

RETAI Children's Book & Toy Store. Full-time, busy family office. Duties: retail oriented in fast paced office. Fax 508-248-0820

RETAI CHILDREN'S MONTCLAIR Floor Manager Position, Apply 6221 Medea Place, Montclair

RETAIL Sales positions, part-time or full-time for: shoe department, houseware department, cashier department. Whole Earth Access, 880 Potter St., Berkeley, 510-845-3000

RETAI Sales, Paprys, fine greeting card/ stationery store, has part-time openings for sales staff during the holidays. Fun atmosphere, great discount, flexible schedules. Apply in person at following locations: 1481 Shattuck Ave, 2840 College Ave., and 1793 41st St., Berkeley.

RETAI Sales Clerk, part-time in Harbor Bay Club Pro Shop, club privileges. Apply in person, 200 Packet Landing Road, Alameda

RETAI Duties include filling, serving phones, copying, MAC computer, etc. Fax resume to 510-832-6304. Attention: Barbara.

401 Help Wanted

Retail Sales

Pet Food Express Seeking permanent Part-time/ Full-time sales help in Oakland (Rockridge: 854-8888; Montclair: 530-5300), Castro Valley (567-9999), and Livermore (447 7777). Must be outgoing and good communicator who loves to help pets and people. Excellent advancement opportunities. EOE.

RETAIL SALES If you have excellent communication skills, a sense of humor and enjoy travel, stop by and apply in person at: Marshall's Luggage, 4184-D Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Open 10 to 6 or call 510-686-6663

Retail Store Manager

Just Desserts, award winning Bay Area Bakery has openings for Managers in the East Bay and SF. The ideal candidate will have: the ability to develop and support a dynamic retail team, a strong focus on quality, a desire to work in a fast-paced, build and maintain a profitable business, enthusiasm for community involvement and a minimum of three years experience in retail or food marketing and management. For immediate consideration, please send resume to: H.R., 1970 Carroll Ave., S.F., CA 94112 Fax: (415) 468-4811



SALES Retail: tools, professional woodworking and power tools. Salary plus commission, experience required. Apply: Whole Earth Access, 880 Potter St., Berkeley or call 510-845-3000 ext. 225

SALES ASSISTANT

Software company needs part-time sales assistant to help with telephone surveys, updating date-base, preparing mailings and other pre-sales activities. Must be reliable and enthusiastic, some telephone sales or survey experience preferred. Excellent written and verbal communication skills essential. Full benefits including 401K. Fax resume to (800)756-3524 ext. 4653

SALES/Corporate Websites Outside sales, qualified leads provided. Salary plus Commission plus Benefits. 800-354-7574 Kevin.

SALES/ window coverings, friendly, experienced, part-time/full-time. Call Hans 538-2734

SARA'S Prints, a premiere children's apparel firm in San Leandro, wants a person to help with design, to do pattern drafting, to do garment and to serve our retail customers. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Call 510-444-4700

SECRETARY, permanent part-time for Oakland medical office. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Salary negotiable. Fax resume 415-661-3435 then call 415-661-3435

SECRETARY, permanent part-time for 12 year old CDL, references, own car, English speaking

TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES & MOTHERS IN DEED (415)461-7755

OKLAHOMA NANNY NEEDED! Newborn and preschooler. 8- 5 pm. Loving, role model, team player. Full-time, \$200+. Many more jobs! Great salaries! References No fee.

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CHILDCARE Alameda, 6 year old, active, mildly autistic boy. Monday- Friday 3- 6. Experienced, \$65-1585

CHILDCARE, 2 fun kids, (4, 6), 8-27 hours Monday, Wednesday or Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Car, Insurance. Piedmont

CHILDCARE Seasoned, 8-12 yrs old, 8-27 hours Monday, Wednesday or Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Car, Insurance. Piedmont

MOTHER'S Helper, part-time needed to watch two delightful children (boy, 10 girl, 8) four afternoons per week. Hours are from 2 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Must have own car. Our children are very active and need someone to include picking up the children after school, taking them to activities and helping with homework. There is some light housekeeping such as washing dishes, doing laundry, straightening up the house, and helping to prepare dinner. The position pays \$10 per hour plus reimbursement for mileage. If you are interested, please call Marsha Van Brock (510) 482-3793, or at work (415) 421-3200

TEACHER Program Leaders needed to supervise small groups of children. Must be available through June 20, 1998. Monday- Friday, 1-6 p.m. Experience with school age children preferred. Must be able to work with children. Send resume to: PRO SCHOOLMATES, 358 Hillsdale Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 Attention: Erin Rivera. No phone calls EOE

TEACHER/ Director, part-time, toddler/ parent education program. Co-op, 12 ECE, 3 administrative, experience required. 444-8146

TEACHER in south Berkeley. Preschool starting January. Competitive salary and benefits. Contact Lela at 845-4504

TEACHERS, credentialed, part-time for learning centers. Oakland/ Richmond. 6- 12 hours/ week. Call 763-3701

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Public Notices

Paul's Car Clinic, 12925 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805. Is registered by the following owner: Paul Harris, 3937 El Monte Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

East Sejour, 257 Riverview Dr., Vallejo, CA 94588.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 3, 1997.

The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6562

The Name of the Business:

Lithium Software, 65 Spear Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Is registered by the following owner:

Matthew Ayres, 65 Spear Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.

The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6542

The Name of the Business:

The Sweet Spot Golf Center, 2901 E. 18th Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

Is registered by the following owner:

Paul Wright, 1111 James Donlon Blvd., #1065, Antioch, CA 94509.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 15, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 15, 1997.

The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6572

The Name of the Business:

Keeping It Real, 3800 G Kosai Way, Richmond, CA 94806.

Is registered by the following owner:

Chandana Gary, 49 Parkway Terrace, San Pablo, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 27, 1997.

The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6551

The Name of the Business:

AAA Business Printing Co., 3377 Deer Valley Rd #240, Antioch, CA 94509.

Is registered by the following owner:

Judy Novotny, 3377 Deer Valley Rd. #240, Antioch, CA 94509.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1997.

The Journal November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6522

The Name of the Business:

Met Pay, 2921 Barrett Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

Is registered by the following owner:

Heider Gerditz, 2921 Barrett Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 20, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6550

The Name of the Business:

Gullen Group, 255 Balceta Court, Danville, CA 94526.

Is registered by the following owner:

Christopher Garner, 255 Balceta Court, Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6522

The Name of the Business:

Heavenly Clean Professional Housecleaning Services, 2561 El Portal Dr. #C, San Pablo, CA 94806.

Is registered by the following owner:

Darlene Wilson, 2561 El Portal Dr. #C, San Pablo, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-6522

The Name of the Business:

Accounting and Computer Solutions, 1849 Willow Pass Rd. #202, Concord, CA 94520.

Is registered by the following owner:

Connell, 1831 Lincoln St., Berkeley, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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REAL ESTATE

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Some closing day thoughts

Earlier I wrote about our experience looking for property in Massachusetts. We wanted to exchange a small property we owned in California for a property where our daughter could live. Buyers in southern California are often surprised at all the things which do not open on the day of closing.

that day
After all the agony and the ecstasy of looking for a property, after the negotiating, inspecting, arranging financing, moving plans, final walk through, signing the mountain of loan documents and escrow instructions, on the day when it all comes to pass and that dream finally becomes yours, usually what does the buyer do? Grand and important events? Not many.

On that momentous day when it comes together, the deed is recorded in the county. This is arranged beforehand by the escrow officer. Buyers and sellers are busy doing other things.

No crashing thunderbolts, no lightning. If you have a courteous who is not too busy that day, buyer will get a phone call: "Hi, this is Joe, your real estate agent. The escrow company contacted me recorded this morning and the house is yours. I'll leave the for you at my office. Have a nice life."

East Coast style

Our experience on "closing day" in Massachusetts was a bit different. I have no way of knowing if our

experience was typical, but here it is: Earlier we had asked our attorney (yes, buyers and sellers each have attorneys representing them) if we could sign our papers here. Traveling 3,000 miles to sign a few papers is not something you want to do without first asking if it is necessary.

"Well, I think I've heard of one or two cases where that has happened in the past," our attorney said in dire tones. "But...well...I think it's better that you be here." OK, just checking. No argument from me. What do I know? We went to Massachusetts.

On closing day, we showed up at the attorney's office promptly at 8:30 a.m., as instructed. There is no escrow. All paperwork is prepared by the attorney or his secretary. He went over the documents much as escrow officers here do, reciting by rote each provision and instructing us where to sign.

Parting gifts

Our real estate agent appeared with key rings, sweatshirts, and a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant, but otherwise did not have much to say or do at this point. We were told that normally the loan broker also attended signings, however in this case she called us and apologized for not being there, due to another signing taking place that morning.

We discovered several previously undisclosed items: It seems there were two rights of way over the property, without further elaboration. Also, part of the property was situated in a flood zone, al-

though fortunately not the structure itself. And we learned that the electrical service for a workshop was linked to the tenants meter, not the main. Later in the day, when we had a chance to investigate these conditions, they turned out not to be terribly significant, but it would have been nice to know.

The 'Closing Room'

We were then instructed to appear at the Registry of Deeds in Northampton in an hour. There we met the sellers, their real estate agent, and the two attorneys. We met in a room quaintly labeled "Closing Room," next to the main deed library. The lawyers spent another hour shuffling papers, checks, keys, and miscellaneous paraphernalia.

I do not know how the sellers felt about being in the same room with us, but we took advantage of the opportunity to quiz them about little things — the neighborhood, utility services, snow removal, the quirks and idiosyncrasies. We found the time well spent.

The attorney passed around the checks: a refund to us, the sellers proceeds, the attorneys fees, the recording fee, even the commission to the real estate agents. He made a call to the bank to make sure the checks were covered. It seemed curious that relatively high priced attorneys were attending to such mundane matters.

Fond farewells

Our business finished, we walked across the hall to the registry desk

REAL ESTATE FORUM



BOB BLUMBERG

News sends interest rates to 8-month low

On Nov. 20 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 7.18 percent down five basis points from last week's average of 7.23 percent.

This is the lowest the 30-year rate has averaged since the week ending Feb. 16 when it stood at 6.94 percent.

In the third week of November 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.53 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.48 this week, down 5 basis points from last week's average of 5.53 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.48 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market fell to 6.73, down 5 basis points from last week's 6.78 percent.

This time last year this

rate averaged 7.06 percent.

"The October Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index figures show inflation almost nonexistent, thus providing an atmosphere that is conducive to low interest rates," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac.

"Low mortgage rates are not only good news for consumers looking to either buy a new home or to refinance an existing loan, but they also help boost housing starts in October by about 1.4 percent."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities. In this way

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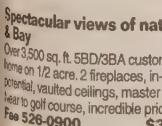


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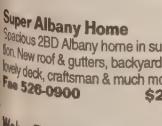
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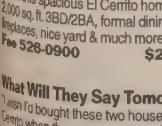
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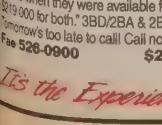
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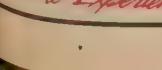
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Closure

Buyers and sellers in California usually do not have much to do with one another. That is probably a good thing during most of the transaction, when emotions run hot and a wrong word can spoil a deal. But at the end, a meeting such as the one we had provides closure. The simple act of walking across the hall together to record the deed takes on a symbolic significance that is lost when done *in absentia*.

As it turned out, we did not need to be present. It would have been quite sufficient to send our papers through the mail from California. But then we would have missed "closing day." That would have been a shame.

Bob Blumberg is in his 23rd year of listing and selling local real estate. He is co-owner of Red Oak Realty, Top of Solano, Berkeley. Contact him at 527-3387 (x132), or blumberg@holonet.net. Visit Red Oak's revamped Web site (www.redoakrealty.com) for all current multiple listings and news.

Rates

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Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers. Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers and 2 million renters in America.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddiemac.com.

On Oct. 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for November payments at 4.941 percent, up 4 basis points from the 4.901 percent for October payments. The COFI is widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

n Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA	4096 Garden Rd. - \$155,000	41 Rio Vista Ave. - \$274,000
1538 5th St. - \$151,500	2113 Rancho Rd. - \$134,000	386 Santa Clara #201 - \$125,000
58 Applegate Wy. - \$337,500	EMERYVILLE	6139 Seminary Ave. - \$134,000
29 Bay Park Terr. #21 - \$280,000	6363 Christie #2705 - \$143,000	5230 Shafter Ave. - \$269,000
3249 Central Ave. - \$309,500	6363 Christie #2722 - \$176,000	10401 Shaw St. #501 - \$72,000
1608 Fernside Blvd. - \$275,000	OAKLAND	38 Spy Glass Hill - \$236,000
1044 Fountain St. - \$286,000	2515 26th Ave. - \$77,000	492 State Ave. #201 - \$127,000
1069 Mangrove Ln. - \$180,000	3501 35th Ave. #2 - \$105,000	9878 Toler Ave. - \$65,000
2901 Marina Dr. - \$347,500	3656 39th Ave. - \$62,000	5017 Trask St. - \$119,000
206 McDonnel Rd. - \$282,500	4371 39th Ave. - \$260,000	1131 Wood St. - \$64,500
232 McDonnel Rd. - \$275,000	2242 41st Ave. - \$120,000	5431 Ygnacio Ave. - \$115,000
1011 Morton St. - \$250,000	457 45th St. - \$139,000	70 Yosemite #305 - \$161,000
1126 Mound St. - \$218,000	1349 54th Ave. - \$93,000	PIEDMONT
1537 Paru St. - \$274,500	914 60th St. - \$60,000	23 Fairview Ave. - \$450,000
1609 Pearl St. - \$236,000	2834 61st Ave. - \$118,000	RICHMOND
10 Remmel Ct. - \$283,000	1665 69th Ave. - \$164,000	675 32nd St. - \$158,000
124 Shprds Ln. #17E - \$220,000	3433 69th Ave. - \$88,000	2704 East Ct. - \$99,500
1410 Sherman St. - \$182,000	1815 90th Ave. - \$95,500	5611 Esmond Ave. - \$175,000
1284 Weber St. - \$343,000	1335 98th Ave. - \$125,000	3003 Howard St. - \$116,500
ALBANY	3406 Adell Ct. - \$135,000	5825 Kipling Dr. - \$216,000
737 Gateview Ave. - \$249,000	1132 Bella Vista Ave. - \$195,000	2901 McBryde Ave. - \$130,000
1125 Neilson St. - \$390,000	565 Bellevue #1102 - \$259,000	1704 Roosevelt Ave. - \$86,000
555 Pierce St. #1221 - \$104,000	565 Bellevue #908A - \$147,500	5227 Sierra Ave. - \$135,000
545 Pierce St. #3203 - \$137,000	10606 Beverly Ave. - \$130,000	127 South 27th St. - \$133,000
535 Pierce St. #3305 - \$153,000	5323 Boyd Ave. - \$220,000	5021 Sweetwood Dr. - \$180,000
1000 Ventura Ave. - \$279,500	5358 BRD.Wy. - \$294,500	SAN LEANDRO
BERKELEY	2843 Burton Dr. - \$439,000	1451 142nd Ave. - \$144,000
1315 67th St. - \$125,000	3684 Calafia Ave. - \$112,000	1623 152nd Ave. - \$115,500
1137 Allston Wy. - \$206,000	4036 Canon Ave. - \$155,000	14809 Acacia St. - \$175,000
1708 Buena Ave. - \$351,000	5709 Colton Blvd. - \$419,000	3850 Anza Wy. - \$180,000
1303 Garrison St. - \$79,500	7908 Crest Ave. - \$144,000	2343 Belvedere Ave. - \$207,000
2601 College #108 - \$115,000	542 Fairbanks Ave. - \$270,000	937 Billings Blvd. - \$159,000
1601 Curtis St. - \$177,000	5146 Fairfax Ave. - \$155,000	1702 Boxwood Ave. - \$178,000
2713 Dana St. - \$145,000	988 Franklin St. #302 - \$115,000	628 Broadmoor Blvd. - \$255,000
777 Euclid Ave. - \$520,000	74 Hamilton Place - \$136,000	1400 Carpenter #231 - \$89,500
3037 Fulton St. - \$230,000	1050 Harvard Rd. - \$350,000	1400 Carpenter St. - \$78,000
1424 Hawthorne Terr. - \$660,000	2132 High St. - \$115,000	2353 Cheshire Place - \$175,000
2574 Hilgard Ave. - \$400,000	2138 High St. - \$115,000	2272 Estabrook Cr. - \$157,000
1515 Hopkins St. #2 - \$125,000	2520 Leimert Blvd. - \$306,000	499 Estudillo #203 - \$122,500
2536 Regent St. - \$250,000	5464 Locksley Ave. - \$236,500	1271 Gardner Blvd. - \$144,000
1717 Rose St. - \$277,500	4111 Lyman Rd. - \$324,000	1553 Glen Dr. - \$195,500
2540 Sacramento St. - \$175,000	3229 Lynde St. - \$240,000	1578 Graff Ave. - \$325,000
2827 Shasta Rd. - \$320,000	6320 Majestic Ave. - \$65,000	228 Julius St. - \$141,000
933 Spruce St. - \$225,000	3144 Minna Ave. - \$69,000	389 Lexington Ave. - \$142,500
1605 Stannage Ave. - \$275,000	2437 Monticello Ave. - \$125,000	17063 Ganley St. - \$183,500
133 Stonewall Rd. - \$780,000	2907 Monticello Ave. - \$166,000	SALES STATS BY CITY
1666 Tacoma Ave. - \$232,000	2636 Mountain Gate - \$287,500	ALAMEDA
3 Tanglewood Rd. - \$672,500	3265 Nicol Ave. - \$150,000	TOTAL SALES: 18
935 Virginia St. - \$135,000	1 Osborne Ct. - \$350,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$151,500
1611 Ward St. - \$157,500	7508 Outlook Ave. - \$142,500	HIGHEST PRICE: \$347,500
EL CERRITO	7927 Phaeton Dr. - \$265,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,833.
6108 Cypress Ave. - \$135,000	3301 Pierson St. - \$82,000	SEE HOMES on page 23
1257 King Dr. - \$253,000	3320 Pierson St. - \$135,000	
EL SOBRANTE	5423 Princeton St. - \$120,000	
203 Del Valle Cr. - \$86,000	4801 Proctor Ave. - \$590,000	
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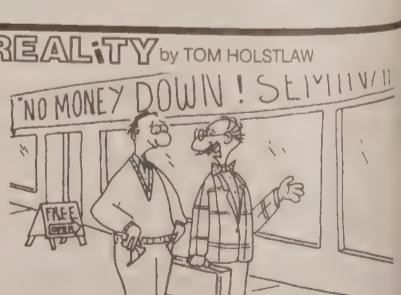
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2007 MATHIEU, Up Rockridge, stunning new 4bd/3+ba, lg level yd	\$709,000
Comish, Vicki Woodhead 339-6480	
101 WILDING LANE, 4+bd/3+ba family home, new construction	\$640,000
Prudential Real Estate, Nancy Platford 845-0211	
1005 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair, 2+bd/2+ba, bay vws, serene setting	\$625,000
Comish & Carey, Ed 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-5	
1012 RUTHLAND RD, New 4bd/2+ba, almost finished, level-in, yd	\$584,000
Comish & Carey, Ed 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-5	
1005 AQUARIUS WY, Nw Construction! 4+1/2, Views, WOW price!	\$539,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Laura Kroeger 845-4455	
1005 MOUNTAIN BL, 3+bd/3ba craftsman, new construction charm	\$499,000
Comish & Carey, Ed 339-8900	
1005 HARBOR RD, 5bd/3ba designed form entertaining, remod kit	\$499,000
Prudential Better Homes Realty 339-4000	
1005 REDWOOD RD, Ridgemont, 3bd/2+ba, bay view, move now!	\$399,000
Comish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 339-8900	
1012 RUTHLAND RD, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, kit family room combo	\$379,000
Prudential Union, Donna Costella 339-6460	
1005 CASTLE DR, Pines, 4bd/3ba, charm & location, walk to schs	\$369,000
Comish & Carey, Carin 339-8900	
1005 HOLYROOD DR, Montclair, 3bd/3ba custom ranch	\$325,000
GRUBB Company, Bettina Bailestrieri 339-0400	
1005 AZALEA LN, 3/2 private contemporary, cul-de-sac, valley view	\$315,000
Comish & Carey, Hal 339-8900	
1005 BOULEVARD WY, Large 3+bd/2ba craftsman home, huge yd	\$309,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Hernan Luna 644-5453	
1005 VIEW PL, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery.	Starting High
GRAND OPENING! 9 new luxury 3 and 4bd homes. 547-1051	\$200,000
Comish & Carey, Nick 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-5	
1005 LAWTON AVE, Rockridge, charming trad, 3/2, hdwds, deck	\$299,000
GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400	
1005 CREST AVE, Large 2bd/2ba w/SF view, lg rumpus room	\$299,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, C. Fleming/B. Klein 644-5423	
1005 SHAFTER, Temescal Victorian. 2bd/kit/ba up, 2 rms/kit/ba down	\$175,000
White & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461	
1005 BIRDSALL, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba, built-ins, charm, more!	\$164,800
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4218	
1005 ORANGE ST #2, 2bd Med twrns, corner fpl, courtly entry, charm	\$154,000
White & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536	
1005 FOOTBALL BLVD, 3bd/1+ba, must sell, bring offers!	\$144,500
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Susan Kaur 869-4228	

ALBANY Open Sunday
109 KEY ROUTE BLVD, 3/1½, central location, sunny, storage, yd

Comish & Carey, Nick 339-8900 SUNDAY 1-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday
1028 PRINCE ST, 4/2, sunroom, deck, special attic rm, don't miss!

Prudential Real Estate, Nancy or Gaymel 337-8670 SUNDAY 2-5

2877 BUENA VISTA, Bay vw from 2 levels! 2bd/2b, dramatic interior

\$395,000, Vimpton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4

EL CERRITO Open Sunday
825 NORVELL, 3bd/2ba nice home lots of woodwork. Come see!

Comish & Carey, Nick 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday
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Prudential CA RE 845-0200, Lorraine Osmundson 526-4566 SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

151 MAXWELTON, New 3/2½ Med w/pano views!

Prudential CA Realty 339-6250, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206

111 MORAGA AVE, Millhouse replica, dist lot, "great" rm, guest hs

GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

228 RICARDO AVE, Trad 4/3½ shingle hm, quiet st, English garden

GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

1505 OAKLAND AVE, Central location, view, 3bd/2½ba

Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722

100 LATHAM, 3bd/3ba w/family rm, close to park

Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Candy Benny 898-4913

Northbrae Properties hosts show and sale

The Fifth Annual Northbrae Properties Holiday Art Show and Sale will be held Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show, hosted by former Berkeley Board of Realtors president, Anita Thede, benefits the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center.

Each year, Northbrae staff and volunteers from the center transform Northbrae Properties offices into a holiday fantasy of arts and crafts. Located at 1600 Hopkins Street in the Monterey Center, the show attracts holiday shoppers looking for special gifts created by local artists.

The Women's Daytime Drop-in Center, located in a small house in a quiet Berkeley neighborhood, was founded 10 years ago to provide homeless women and their children with a safe, daytime refuge where they can receive support, food and access to emergency survival resources.

"What's most exciting about the show is the quality and variety of gifts provided by Berkeley artists," said Northbrae owner, Anita Thede. "And we're able to directly support the Center because we carry all the overhead and administrative costs of this event. Our customers like that."

"They know they're spending money on quality gifts and, at the same time, supporting a vital local program serving the most vulnerable members of our community — homeless women and their children."

This year's show features Cameron Chardoul's handmade jewelry, crafted from antique pieces gathered from around the world.

Ceramist Robert Edney, a regular contributor and driving force behind the benefit, will display his one-of-a-kind fountains and a selection of his popular pottery. Edney's fountains are fully functional and make delightful accents for a home-office or small garden.

Hand blown glass by Dan Reilly and glassworks by Linda Cohen, as well as gilded and custom holiday ornaments add a festive and joyful seasonal spirit.

Suzanne Lutz returns for the second year with an elegant array of decorated boxes; and jewelry by Toba Schwartz and goldsmith Katherine Breuer round out the show.

"This effort is really about the spirit of Berkeley," Thede said. "It's a celebration of the wonderful artists who contribute so much to our community and a way to honor and support the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center's efforts to end homelessness."

"People do their holiday shopping here knowing this is a great way to ensure that the Center continues this important work."

For more information about the show or for directions to Northbrae's offices, call 526-4336. Northbrae Property is located at 1600 Hopkins Street, Berkeley.

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ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$218,750

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 79,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$288,391

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$253,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,000

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TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 86,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$155,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$125,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$176,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$159,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 62
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 60,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,282
PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$450,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$86,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$216,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$142,900

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 78,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$332,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$167,666

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$183,500

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LOCATION AND CHARM.....\$369,000
Situated in desirable neighborhood, charm and comfortable living in quiet & woodsy surroundings. Large family room with fireplace, bright eat-in kitchen. Easy walk to schools. CARIN CAROE 339-8900 x 218

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FOR THE CHARMOPHOBIC.....\$319,000
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NICK LAVROV 339-8900 x 219

CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$298,000
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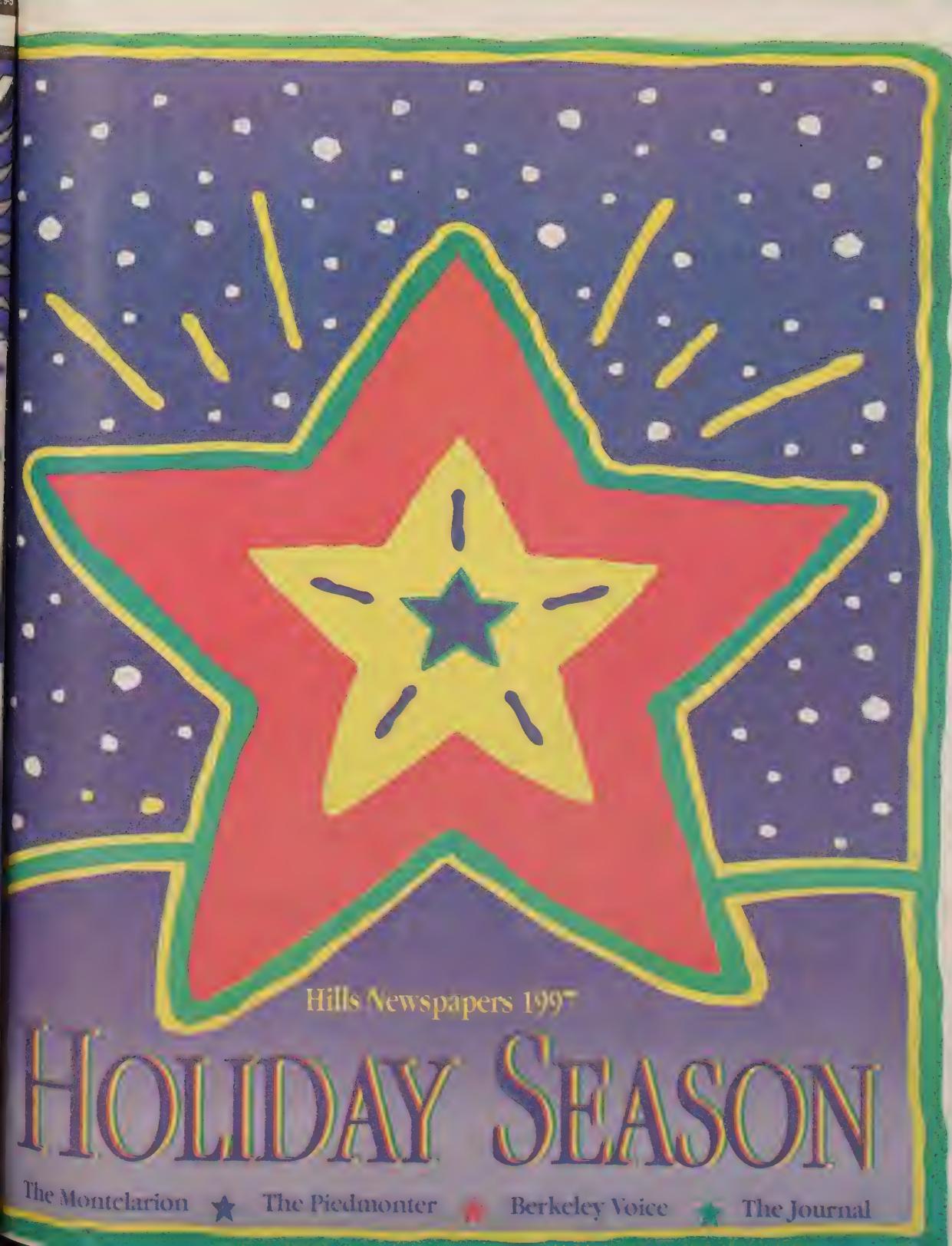
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Come Share in Oakland's 'Holiday Magic'

The Oakland Holidays Committee presents the 1997 guide to holiday events. Many events are free to the public; call the number given for details.

Again this holiday season, there will be free parking all day long in the city-owned garages and free two-hour parking at all parking meters in shopping districts throughout Oakland.

Be sure to pick up a free shopping bag and enter to win a \$1,000 shopper's cash prize at participating retailers.

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Climb aboard the Oakland Holiday Magic cable car shuttle. This special shuttle will run between the 12th St./City Center BART station and Jack London Square Tuesdays through Sundays from 4 to 10 p.m.

Holiday Events

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Children's Fairyland
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Tree Trimming Party

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Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Holiday Open House

Pardee Home Museum,
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La posada de María y José



Mexico's traditional La Posada celebrates Mary and Joseph's pilgrimage to Bethlehem. The symbolic nine-night journey culminates on Christmas Eve.

Posada began in the 16th century as a liturgical procession, is still celebrated today in Mexico and in communities around the United States.

The Christmas posada means to go to another town, looking for shelter, but finding no place to stay." Maria Gonzalez of Albany, Mexico, people dress up like Joseph and Mary and actually ride a mule to head the procession." Religious meanings and symbols intertwine with party elements in the holiday tradition. Praying the rosario (every) mixes with the singing of Christmas songs and dancing.

"I give the posada, for people," says Gonzalez, "there will be a knock on my door. You will be singing and playing candles; perhaps some will be playing guitars. They'll come to my door asking for the posada. We'll answer from inside, bring them in. Then everyone will be joyful. I'm happy to have my home."

In the last day, Dec. 24, in the middle of the night, worshippers go to church and celebrate mass. The church service is the culmination of La Posada. During Christmas Eve mass, the image of Jesus as a baby is also a central element. A baby from the region is placed in front of the altar and covered with a sheet. In a dramatic moment, someone

pulls off the sheet and the baby appears.

A party might take place at the church with pinatas and other traditional means of celebration. Or everyone might proceed to a private home to enjoy a party that goes on until morning.

"We combine faith and fun," says Gonzalez.

The Christmas traditions of Mexico will come alive at the Zellerbach Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and Ballet Folklorico Ollin bring us "Fiesta Navidad," Dec. 7 at UC-Berkeley.

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Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, an ensemble which won fame and acclaim when they collaborated with Linda Ronstadt on the best-selling album "Caniones de Mi Padre," will bring us an exciting celebration with music, dance and colorful theatrics for the entire family.

The mariachi band will be joined by Ballet Folklorico Ollin. Tickets are \$14, \$20 and \$26 and are available through Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall (642-9988); also available at BASS outlets and through BASS charge-by-phone 762-BASS; or purchase at the door the day of the performance.

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dance celebrating the traditions of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Solstice. The program will be co-produced by the Downtown Berkeley Association, the City of Berkeley, Tupper & Reed Music, the Berkeley Conference Center and

Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

The cultural celebration will feature many talented local artists:

■ Oakland Patten Christian Cathedral's Handbell Choir features school aged musicians conducted by Sherry Anderson, their unique sound will welcome in the musical spirit of Christmas.

■ Kids of Klezmer is a youth group from Castro Valley's

Congregation Shir Aml. Led by Cary Nasatir, they will play the joyful sounds of Hanukkah as well as traditional Eastern European Yiddish and Israeli folk music.

■ Albany Booster Band is a group of young musicians who perform at various fundraisers for the Albany schools' music department. They are led in Christmas carols by Albany's Citizen of the Year, Frank Jensen.

■ Berkeley's own School Ensemble showcasing some up and coming instrumental and vocal musicians.

■ Opera Piccola is a local troupe of actors and dancers who travel Around the World. The troupe will perform and poems from different cultures as well as the play of St. George and the Dragon.



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In contemporary Jewish life, Hanukkah is celebrated with nightly kindling of special Hanukkah candles in a nine-branch candelabra or menorah, community and family gatherings, gift exchanges and public

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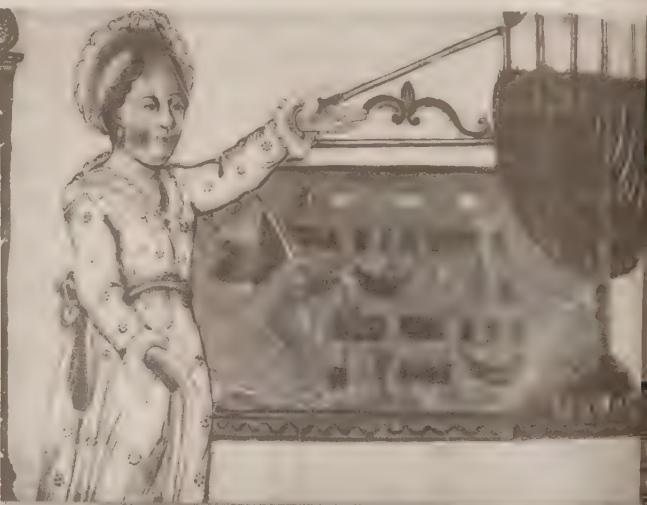
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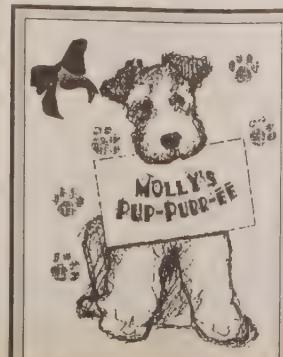


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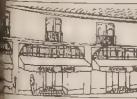
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The symbols of Kwanzaa serve as inspirational objects which reflect traditional and modern concepts that evolved out of the lives and struggles of African-American people.

Symbols of Kwanzaa

1) **Mkeka:** The Mkeka is a

straw mat on which all the other items are placed. It is a traditional item and therefore symbolizes tradition as the foundation on which all else rests.

2) **Kinara:** This candleholder holds seven candles and represents the original stalk from which we all sprang. It is said that the first-born is like a stalk of corn which in turn becomes stalk, which reproduces in the same manner so that there is no ending to us.

3) **Mshumaa:** The seven candles represent the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) on which the First-Born set up society in order that people would get the maximum from it. They are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa

(cooperative economy/purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

4) **Muhindi:** The muhindi represents the offspring of the stalk (the father). It signifies the potential offspring that come stalks (parents) produce their offspring. The process goes on in the nation.

To illustrate this, ears of corn are a number of children in a family. Every house has one ear of corn. It is always the potential that has not yet been realized.

5) **Kikombe Cha Ujima:** The unity cup symbolizes the principle of Kwanzaa to pour the libation for ancestors.

Each member of the immediate family or extended family drinks from it in a gesture of honor and a commitment to work.

6) **Zawadi:** The gifts are the fruits of the labor of parents and the new seeds sown by the parents. Parents must communicate them to children to goodness, interpreted as beauty, and dedicate them to good thoughts, etc., for the community to reward them accordingly well they live up to their commitments.

Goodness is the promise of happiness and community thoughts and is deemed invalid in some way because of the community.

7) **Karamu:** The Karamu symbolizes the high festival that brings the community together to eat together to give thanks for their accomplishments in the year.

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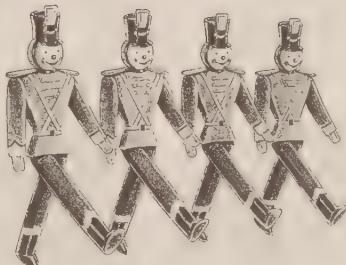
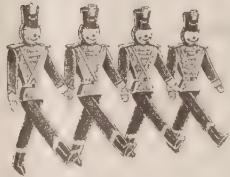
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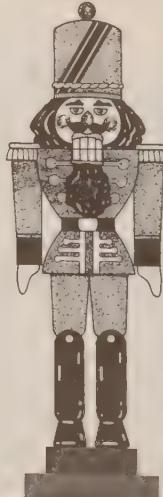
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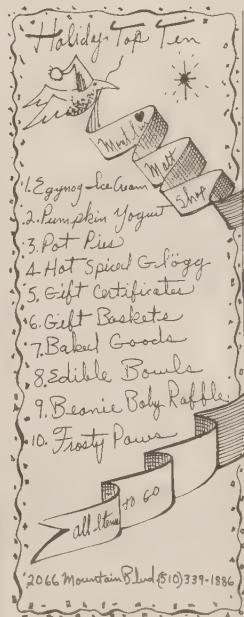
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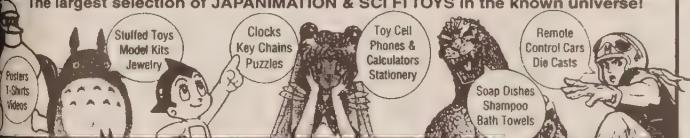
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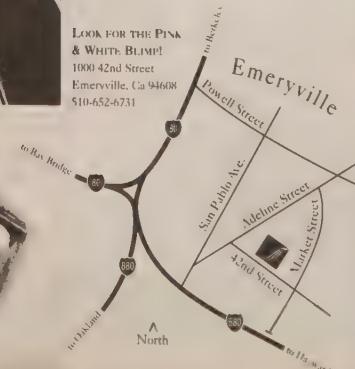


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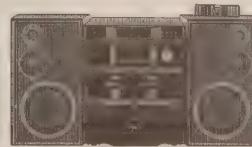
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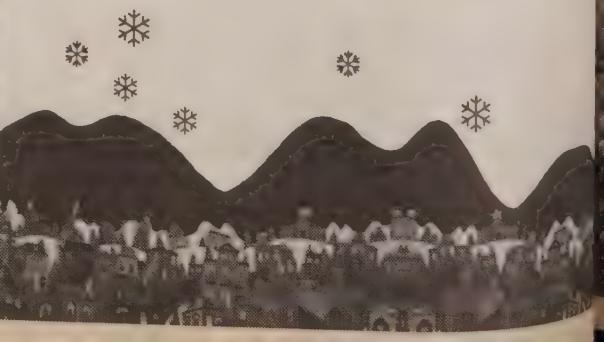
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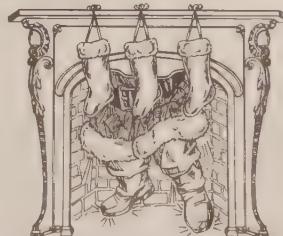


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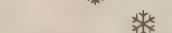
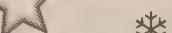
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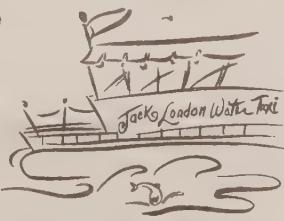
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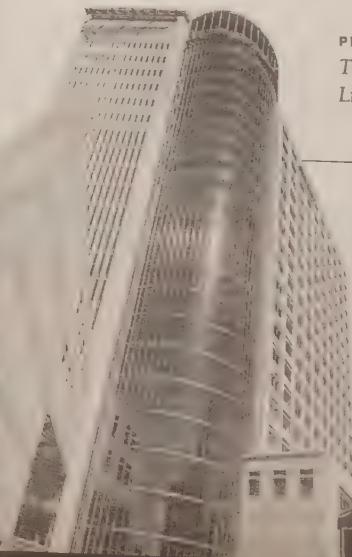
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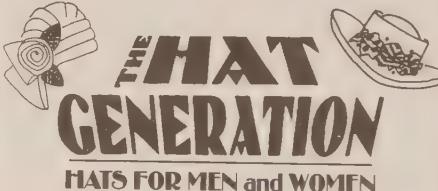
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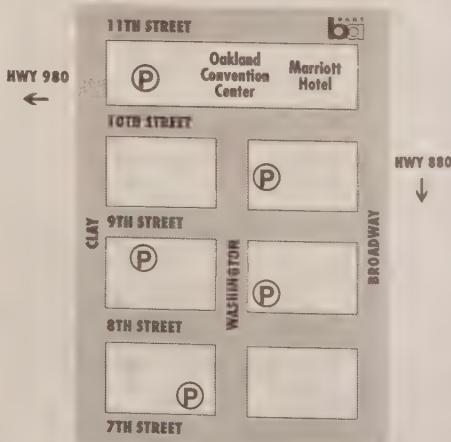
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By Josh Butrin

The Christmas season is here again, and with it memories of Christmases spent swinging the new Louisville slugger dangerously close to Grandma's porcelain nativity scene.

I don't know what it is about Christmas that inspires Santa to bring me various sorts of athletic apparel and equipment year after year. One Christmas, I found a brand new Pittsburgh Steelers uniform under the tree, complete with scaled-down shoulder pads and helmet.

After a dinner of stuffed turkey — which had the moisture content of the Mojave Desert — I ran outside, undaunted by snow and ice. I spent the next half-hour tackling every snowman on the block, including two snowwomen and a snowdog.

In my own mind I was Jack Lambert, punishing the opposing offenses with brutal, bone-crunching tackles.

In the minds of our neighbors however, I was an evil little twerp, bent on the immediate destruction of every snow creature in the neighborhood.

Needless to say, I spent the better part of that holiday in my room, contemplating the true spirit of Christmas and nursing a severely swollen fanny.

The next year my dad got tickets to a minor league hockey game. While I was enjoying my fourth cup of hot cocoa and looking at the rather explicit tattoo on the arm of the fat, hairy, hockey fan sitting next to me, a small, round disk came flying out of nowhere and attempted to penetrate my 5-year-old cranium.

It succeeded in causing me to lose consciousness — and the three-and-a-half cups of hot cocoa.

The hockey team invited



Photo by Debra Jensen

"After a dinner of Christmas turkey — which had the moisture content of the Mojave Desert — I ran outside, undaunted by snow and ice."

me down to the locker room and gave me an official jersey with all of their names scribbled on it.

I was an instant hockey fan and began an active Christmas campaign for my very own pair of hockey skates and stick.

I was painfully successful in my endeavors that year, and after a Christmas turkey that resembled the granite crust of Mount Sumitomo on the outside and the Great Yukon Glacier on the inside, I ran down to the pond, not even noticing the sub-zero temperatures outside.

It was my first experience with hockey skates. Needless to say, I spent another Christmas recovering from a swollen fanny.

I remember one specific Christmas when I noticed a package that resembled a basketball in both size and shape. When the big moment came and the colorful Christmas cheer was reduced to a pile of minuscule fragments of wrapping paper, I was left holding a *National Geographic* glowing globe of the earth.

My father must have noticed a trace of disappointment on my face, because he asked me to go into the hall closet and fetch another gift he forgot to wrap.

It was an official Spalding

outdoor basketball.

As soon as we had dispersed with that year's turkey offering — which was actually pretty good, except for the gravy, which tasted like something in a small plastic bottle labeled Elmer's — I went out to the basketball hoop.

As fate would have it, I ended up underneath the hoop, flat on my back, thinking about yet another Christmas spent sporting a swollen fanny.

This year, due to my advancing age and the high cost of medical treatment, I have decided to adamantly protest the presence of any sports-related paraphernalia under our tree and instead will attempt to circumvent fate and spend a painfree Christmas.

Now all I need to do is figure out what I want for Christmas ... maybe a new set of golf clubs?

(Josh Butrin is a freelance writer, a resident of Castro Valley and a diehard sports fan.)

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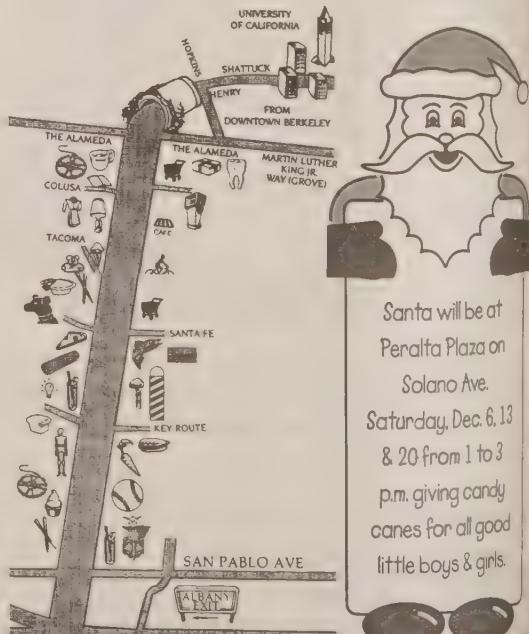
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1 large clove garlic
1 tab' spoon chili powder
1 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon filé powder, optional
1 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon rosemary leaves, crushed

Soak the beans overnight. Rinse, drain. Salt to taste. Add the secret seasonings and ham hock. Cover with 4 to 5 cups of water and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low. Cover, simmer 1 to 2 hours, or until tender, stirring occasionally.

Add the crushed tomatoes and juice. Bring back to simmer. Reduce heat; cook uncovered 15 to 20 minutes more. Stir in Worcestershire sauce and, if you feel adventuresome, the wine.

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(Recipe is from "The Secret to Tender Pie: America's Grandmothers Share Their Favorite Recipes," by Mindy Marin)



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Christmas 'Concert on the Hill'

Christmas decorations at the Mormon Temple are always a treat to see. If you've never stopped to see the larger-than-life outdoor Nativity scenes illuminated by endless strings of Christmas lights all set against a backdrop of spiraling fountains, do it this year. A good night to go would be Wednesday, Dec. 17, when you can hear the Christmas "Concert on the Hill." It will feature seasonal German music presented by the Oakland Männerchor and members of the Freundschaft Liederkranz, Damenchor Liederkranz and soloists, conducted by Maestro Dietrich Erbelding. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and admission is free. The temple is located at 4766 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland.

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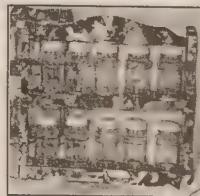
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By Dominic Gamache

Over the past decade there has been a renewed interest in two European Christmas traditions here in the United States. Nutcrackers have been hand crafted in Germany since the middle of the 17th century; while blown glass ornaments, were first produced in the vicinity of the village of Lausha, Germany around 1840.

Both have regained popularity with the help of designers such as E. M. Merk of Old World Christmas, the Steinback family, Christopher Radko, and local artisan Larry Fraga of Dresden Dove.

Whether it is brightly colored balls or whimsical figures, glass ornaments seem to possess a bit of magic which radiates from within.

Many of the images that first became popular among the Germans often symbolized their beliefs. Blown glass birds, with spun glass or tinsel tails, were among the most popular of the ornaments as they were considered to be messengers spreading God's love and peace to the world.

Pinecones, often brightly colored and sprinkled with glitter, were symbols of motherhood and warmth. Glass reproductions of fruits, nuts, and vegetables were hung in gratitude for a bountiful harvest. Teapots symbolized the hospitality of the season and mush-

rooms insured good luck in the coming year.

Other popular ornaments were replicas of what were the fascinations of the time; flowers, instruments, animals, and of course Santa. Today, we see these and many more designs representing almost every facet of life become available as the

lector would then add a porting cast of characters, baker, since the king, eat, the doctor, the dentist, tax collector, and so on. These same pieces are still commonly collected. Among many others available you find snowmen, Santa's, and more in many sizes and shapes. Whether a made crack glassment piece is made with pride

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popularity of these handmade ornaments grows.

Hand-carved nutcrackers were first made by miners in the Ore Mountains of Eastern Germany as a way to pass the cold winter nights. They commonly carved figures of authority such as, kings, police, and army officers as a joke against their superiors, who better to assist them in a menial task of cracking nuts than the king?

When the mines of the region were depleted, families used their wood carving skills to sustain themselves. As the demand grew new figures were added and people started collecting them for their whimsy and not their function.

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honor using the techniques of the original craftsman. Crackers, mainly produced in Germany, are still cut, laths, sanded, and painted by hand. The glass ornaments are mouth blown, through eastern Europe, using century old molds or new molds created by the designers then hand painted by very skilled artists.

Many of the ornaments still blown in the small of the master glass blowers brought to the painter's shop to be finished. Here are silvered on the inside to give them luster and then painted with as many as 20 colors, each must dry before the next is applied.

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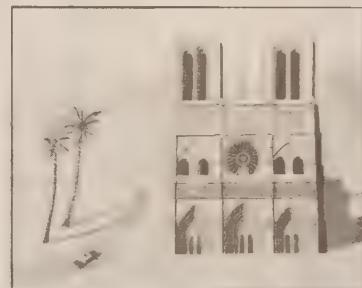
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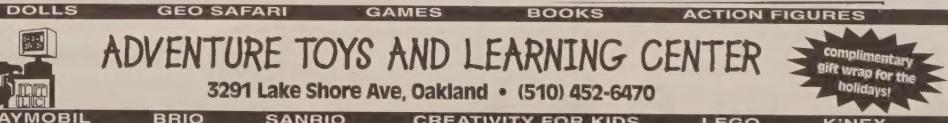
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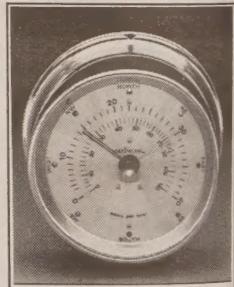
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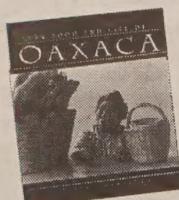
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